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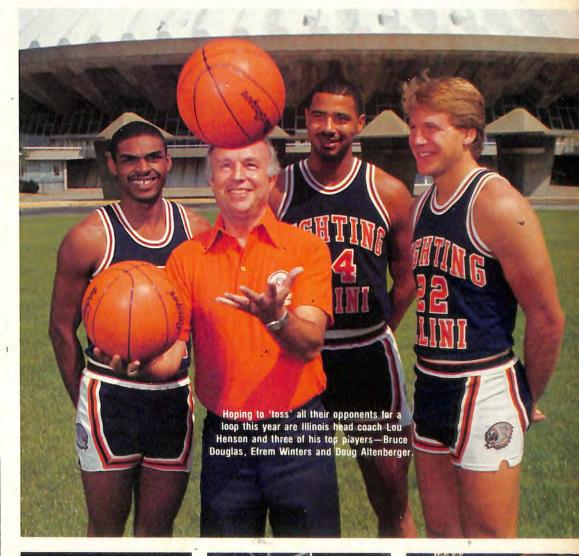
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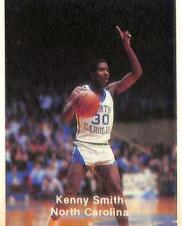
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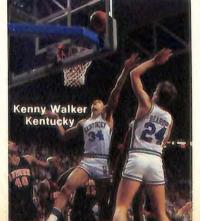
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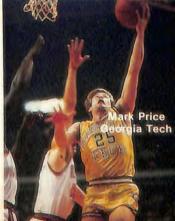


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# The Stat-Key Annual

The Stat-Key Annual is designed to measure the potential of basketball teams in terms of rated "power." The Stat-Key Annual appears in GamePlan Magazines to enhance the fans' enjoyment of the game of basketball by emphasizing the factors which affect the outcome of competition. The Stat-Key Tables (College page 9 and Pro page 125) rate the potential of 132 major college teams and the 23 pro basketball teams.

The Stat-Key Annual enables the fan to estimate the point differences between the scores of opposing teams. The home court advantage (HCA) allows the fan to estimate the score of each of two opposing teams—an instant PrePlay of a game. The Stat-Key Annual allows the fan to readily compare and analyze the power of competing teams prior to game play. It offers the fan a key to the analysis of college & pro basketball.

### Developing the Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each of the teams has a Power Rating and a Home Court Advantage (HCA). The ratings have been developed, for the coming season, by the GamePlan Analysts. In developing the Stat-Key Annual, the analysts thoroughly evaluate the factors that they feel most strongly influence (and reflect) a college basketball team's ability:

- Each team's scoring record and final power ratings from the previous season.
- 2. Each team's losses and gains in personnel.
- 3. Junior college transfers.
- Incoming freshmen who may have an immediate impact on the team's play.
- Each team's detailed statistics from the previous season's play.
- Changes in schedule and overall strengths and weaknesses of the conference or independent grouping.
- 7. Changes in coaching staff (and coaching methods).

In pro basketball those factors considered are:

- Each team's scoring record and final power ratings from the previous season.
- 2. Retirements, trades and age factors.
- 3. A careful evaluation of the rookie crop.
- Each team's detailed statistics from the previous season's play.
- 5. Changes in coaching staff (and coaching methods).

The above fators are evaluated and quantified. Factors such as scoring record, whether a team is offense or defense "minded", losses and gains in key players and strengths of opponents are weighted more heavily than others. A relatively complicated process of analysis follows and eventually refined ratings then, represent each team's potential in terms of rated power at the start of the 1985-86 season.

No system can predict the outcome of basketball competition precisely. There are simply too many variables, many developing during actual game play. The tremendous excitement and sponaneity of basketball are indeed the main reasons for its great popularity as a spectator sport. Thus, the Stat-Key Annual is designed to: 1) provide the fan with basic estimates of team strength, which reflects a teams' ability; 2) make the fan aware of those factors (other than team strength) which influence the outcome of games; 3) encourage the fan to draw on his own knowledge of the game, and to employ his own judgement in weighing influencing factors; and 4) enable the fan to derive greater overall pleasure and satisfaction during the season.

Basketball, unlike many other team sports, retains much individuality by its participants. Some teams rely heavily on the play of a single, or perhaps two, key players and their performances can, and do, have a much greater impact on the outcome of contests. Because of the "individuality" which exists in basketball, we strongly urge you, the reader, to carefully go over the material contained on page 10.

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## Stat-Key National Preview

What does the wonderfully wild world of College Basketball have in store for us this year? Is there another Villanova hiding in the weeds; is there another Patrick Ewing waiting in the wings; or is it to be a relatively predictable campaign? As **GAMEPLAN** sees it, two conferences will do battle for national supremacy -- the Atlantic Coast and the Big Ten.

The Tar Heels of North Carolina are number one on our hit parade, but right on their "heels" are three teams more than capable of knocking Dean Smith and his boys off the throne -- the Fighting Illini of Illinois, a team which may boast the best starting five in the nation, Bobby Cremins' Georgia Tech Yellowjackets, who are piloted by A-A guard Mark Price, and a talented Michigan team with more depth than Lake Superior.

Occupying the fifth and sixth rungs of our elite grouping are the Orangemen of Syracuse and the Jayhawks of Kansas. Led by whirlwind guard "Pearl" Washington, Syracuse will 'break' to the head of the Big East, while Kansas should rule the Big Eight. Yet another ACC power, the Blue Devils of Duke, are tabbed for seventh, with John Thompson's Georgetown Hoyas expected to earn another lofty ranking despite the loss of the 'All-World' Ewing.

Rounding out our Top Ten are Kentucky, led by All-American forward Kenny "Sky" Walker, and fellow SEC member Auburn, who rates a solid tenth on the strength of what might be their best team in school history.

Our No. 11 choice is Oklahoma, who will certainly miss the gifted Wayman Tisdale but should challenge the Jayhawks for Big Eight supremacy. Ranking right behind the Sooners are Denny Crum's Louisville Cardinals, who figure to return to the Top 20 after a one year hiatus, while the Runnin' Rebels of Nevada-Las Vegas get the nod as the No. 13 team in our select circle.

The 14-15 slots go to Memphis State and Alabama-Birmingham of the Metro and Sun Belt Conferences, respectively. Our choice for No. 16 is SEC entrant Georgia, led by sophomore forward Cedrick Henderson, while A-A point guard David Rivers should lead his Notre Dame squad to their first top twenty finish in a number of years; they rate as our No. 17 pick. Rounding out the Top Twenty are Indiana, LSU and the youthful Pittsburgh Panthers of the Big East. Potential breakthroughs include North Carolina State, Xavier, Texas A&M, St. John's and Alabama, all of whom should make the NCAA tournament next March.

Let's hope this season provides us with as many thrills and memories as last year's brilliant campaign. Now, if only Coach Rollie Massimino could keep Eddie Pinckney and the McClain boys in school for one more year!

### TOP TEAMS (AS RATED BY STAT-KEY SYSTEM)

- North Carolina
- Illinois
- **Georgia Tech**
- Michigan
- Syracuse
- Kansas
- Duke
- Georgetown
- Kentucky
- Auburn
- Oklahoma
- Louisville
- Nevada-Las Vegas
- Memphis State
- Ala-Birmingham
- Georgia
- Notre Dame
- Indiana
- Louisiana State
- Pittsburgh

# Stat-Key Rating Table for 1985-86 College Season

PR = Power Rating

HCA = Home Court Advantage

	PR	HCA			
Alabama	109	1			
AlaBirmingham	110				
American	100	4			
Arizona	104	1			
Arizona State	107	4			
Arkansas	107				
Auburn	110				
Baylor	106	1			
Boston College	107				
Bradley	107				
Brigham Young	101	1			
Butler	103	3			
California	106	4			
Canisius	100	4			
Cincinnati	105	-			
Clemson	108	1			
Colorado	105	1			
Colorado State	102	4			
Connecticut	105				
Creighton	102				
Dayton	108	18 5			
DePaul	108	08 5			
Detroit	105	101 3			
Drake	101				
Duke	112				
Duquesne	105	4			
Evansville	103	1			
Florida	105				
Florida State	104				
Fresno State	107	107 5 110 5 114 5			
Georgia	110				
Georgia Tech	114				
Georgetown	111				
George Washington	102	4			
Hawaii	100	4			
Holy Cross	100				
Houston	107	(			
Illinois	114				
Illinois State	103	4			
Indiana	109				
Indiana State	105	-			
lona	104	4			
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ALEX TIME	PR	HCA			
Jacksonville <sup>*</sup>	107	4			
Kansas	112	5			
Kansas State	103	4			
Kentucky	111	6			
LaSalle	100	4			
LSU	109	5			
Louisville	110	5			
Long Island	101	4			
Loyola (Chi.)	108	4			
Marquette	106	5			
Maryland	108	5			
Massachusetts	100	4			
Memphis State	110	6			
Michigan	113	5			
Michigan State	106	4			
Minnesota	105	4			
Mississippi	104	3			
Mississippi State	106	4			
Missouri	106	5			
Navy	108	4			
Nebraska	106				
Nevada-Las Vegas	110	5			
New Mexico	106	5			
New Mexico St	100	3			
Niagara	102	4			
North Carolina	115				
N Carolina St	109	5			
UNC Charlotte	101				
Northwestern	100				
Notre Dame	110				
Ohio State	108	4			
Oklahoma	110	5			
Oklahoma State	102	4			
Old Dominion	107	4			
Oral Roberts	100	5			
Oregon	102	5			
Oregon State	107	5			
Penn State	99	3			
Pepperdine	105	5			
Pittsburgh	109	5			
Providence	103	4			
Purdue	105	5			
Rhode Island	102	4			
Rice	103	4			

	PR	HCA			
Rutgers	104	5			
St. Bonaventure	104	5			
St. John's	109	5			
St. Joseph's	106	5			
St. Louis	101	3			
St. Peter's	101	4			
San Diego State	104	4			
Seton Hall	105	4			
South Alabama	103	4			
South Carolina	106	5			
South Florida	104	4			
Southern Cal	105	4			
Southern Illinois	99	3			
SMU	106	5			
Southern Miss	103	4			
Stanford	103	5			
Syracuse	113	5			
Temple	106	5			
Tennessee	108				
Texas	104	5			
Texas A&M	109	5			
TCU	105	3			
Texas-El Paso	107	5			
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Toledo	101	4			
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W Texas State	104	4			
West Virginia	104	5			
Western Kentucky	103	4			
Wichita State	105	5			
Wisconsin	102	3			
Wyoming	103	5			
Xavier (0.)	109	1			

### Updating the Stat-Key System

In the Stat-Key Table, each team has two ratings:

Power Rating (PR) Home Court Advantage (HCA)

These ratings allow the user to:

1. Estimate the PROBABLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCORES of opposing teams.

The Power Rating of the lower rated team is deducted from the Power Rating of the higher rated team. In addition, the Home Court Advantage (HCA) must be added to the home team's Power Rating. The result is the number of points by which the higher rated team is expected to win.

### Example:

*Syracuse Power Rating (+ HCA)	118
Southern Cal Power Rating	105
Syracuse to win by	13 points
* Home Team	

2. In the case where teams are meeting on a neutral court the HCA is not used.

### Example:

Syracuse Power Rating	113
Southern Cal Power Rating	105
Syracuse to win by	8 points

### THE UPDATING PROCEDURE

The updating procedure is based on the variance (error) between estimated and actual differences in scores (or how far off the estimates were from actual scores).

Updating is achieved with this easy to use chart—The chart shows the number of points to be added to or deducted from team ratings for a given variance between the estimated and actual difference in scores.

#### Example:

From Stat-Key Power Ratings Syracuse to win over Southern Cal by 13 points

Hypothetical Result of the Game
If Syracuse won by 18 points

VARIANCE:	POINT CHANGE IN POWER RATING
0 to 4	0
5 to 9	1
10 to 14	2
15 to 19	3
20 to 24	4
25+	5

Then Syracuse won by 5 more points than estimated (variance). The chart shows that the amount of correction to ratings for a 5 point variance is

Power Rating ...... 1 point

That amount is added to the Power rating of the team that the variance was in favor of (Syracuse) and subtracted from the rating of the other team (Southern Cal).

Thus the ratings would be updated as follows

Syracuse															(PR)
original rating		Į.													113
updated rating															114
Southern Cal															(PR)
original rating															105
updated rating															104

**Notes:** The Home Court Advantage (HCA) is never adjusted once the season begins. There is less need for adjustment as the season progresses. It is recommended that the amount of adjustment be limited to a maximum of four points after the seventh game, three points after the 12th game and two points after the 17th game of the season for each team.

To make the Stat-Key easier to use, we recommend the reader make up simple forms, similiar in design to the Stat-Key Table. If updating is accomplished properly, the reader will enjoy the use of the Stat-Key system for the entire season.

### 1985-86 GamePlan All-Americans

**First Team** 

- Roy Tarpley, Michigan F - Kenny Walker, Kentucky F - Len Bias, Maryland

G - Bruce Douglas, Illinois G - Mark Price, Georgia Tech

Second Team

- Brad Daugherty, North Carolina

F - Chuck Person, Auburn F — Walter Berry, St. John's

G — Dwayne Washington, Syracuse

G - Johnny Dawkins, Duke

Third Team

C — Brad Sellers, Ohio St
 F — Rafael Addison, Syracuse
 F — Milt Wagner, Louisville

G - David Rivers, Notre Dame

G - Steve Alford, Indiana

Frosh Team

C — Danny Ferry, Duke F — Tony Kimbro, Louisville

F - Tom Lewis, USC

G — Kevin Madden, North Carolina
 G — Rodney Strickland, DePaul

### HONORABLE MENTION

### Centers

David Robinson, Navy Olden Polynice, Virginia Christian Welp, Washington William Bedford, Memphis St Rony Seikaly, Syracuse John Shasky, Minnesota Greg Dreiling, Kansas John Brownlee, Texas Dave Hoppen, Nebraska Brian Rowsom, N Carolina-Wilmington Joe Arlauckas, Niagara Chris Washburn, North Carolina St Scott Thompson, San Diego Larry Krystokowiak, Montana

### **Forwards**

Charles Smith, Pittsburgh Mark Alarie, Duke Dan Palombizio, Ball St Kenny Battle, Northern Illinois Danny Manning, Kansas Efrem Winters, Illinois Reggie Miller, UCLA Ron Harper, Miami (Ohio) John Newman, Richmond John Salley, Georgia Tech Buck Johnson, Alabama Reggie Williams, Georgetown Anthony Welch, Illinois Forrest McKenzie, Loyola (Cal) Reggie Lewis, Northeastern Andre McCloud, Seton Hall Billy Thompson, Louisville Greg Grant, Utah St John Williams, LSU Dallas Comegys, DePaul Daren Queenan, Lehigh

Kenny Gattison, Old Dominion Ricky Winslow, Houston Randy Allen, Florida St Ron Kellogg, Kansas Gerry Wright, Iowa Darryl Kennedy, Oklahoma Harold Pressley, Villanova Otis Smith, Jacksonville

Dell Curry, Virginia Tech Kenny Smith, North Carolina Alvin Franklin, Houston Keith Smith, Loyola (Cal) Maurice Martin, St. Jospeh's Steve Mitchell, Alabama-Birmingham Scott Skiles, Michigan St David Wingate, Georgetown Jim McCaffrey, Holy Cross Bruce Dalrymple, Georgia Tech Earl Kelley, Connecticut Tim McCallister, Oklahoma Tommy Amaker, Duke Anthony Jones, Nevada-Las Vegas Antoine Joubert, Michigan Carl Golston, Loyola (Chicago) Doug Altenberger, Illinois Tony George, Fordham Anthony Bowie, Oklahoma Gilbert Wilburn, New Mexico St Derrick Taylor, LSU Gary Grant, Michigan Jeff Hornacek, Iowa St Keith Gatlin, Maryland **Butch Moore, SMU** Antonio Paris, Eastern Kentucky Rick Olson, Wisconsin Steve Hale, North Carolina

### FRESHMEN FORECAST

by Joe Terranova

LOUISVILLE Denny Crum will tell you that pain has never felt so good . . . Kenny Payne, that is! But Mississippi's high school Player-of-the-Year is only one of six freshmen to sign with the Cardinals in 1985. Payne, a 6'8 high school All-American forward, averaged 32.6 points and 15 rebounds for two-year state runner-up Northeast Jones High. Pervis Ellison is a 6'9 dandy from Savannah who averaged 27 points, 19 boards and 7 rejects per game. After a 45 point outbreak early in the season against Johnson High, an opponent said, "I've guarded players who can jump, but most of the other guys eventually come down." Tony Kimbro, the Cardinal's third All-American catch led Louisville Seneca to a 32-2 record and the state's No. 1 ranking. As a senior, Kentucky's Mr. Basketball averaged 27.5 points and 14 rebounds per contest. Avery Marshall is a highly recruited 6'7 forward from Myrtle Beach, S.C. A great leaper who loves to post inside, Marshall averaged over 20ppg and 14 boards his senior year. The fearsome four are joined by 6'9 center David Robinson from Gainesville, FL, and guard Keith Williams, a teammate of Kimbros' at Louisville Seneca. The possibility exists that other rookie ensembles are as good as "The Redbird Six" . . . but if they are, they're in the NBA.

NORTH CAROLINA Perhaps Billy Packer said it best when he commented that while most teams recruit, Dean Smith, the Dean of College Coaches, extends personal invitations. Only seven invitations were mailed in '85 and four superstars decided to join the party at Chapel Hill. The most heralded recruit is Carlisle, PA's Jeff Lebo; reportedly the second coming of Jerry West. A 28ppg scorer. Lebo broke a finger on his shooting hand in the state tournament, yet still managed to lead his team to a class 4A championship. His 2,715 career points, the sixth highest in PA schoolboy history, suggest he'll add much needed firepower to the Tar Heel offense. Forwards Kevin Madden (6'5, 210) and Steve Bucknall (6'6, 210) will revitalize the frontcourt. Madden led his team to 52 consecutive wins and a state championship. He became the state of Virginia's third all-time leading scorer with 2,234 career points . . . averaging 28.3ppg his senior year. Bucknall, Mr. Basketball in Massachusetts, is the most complete player from the Freedom state since Michigan's Butch Wade graduated from Boston Tech. Marty Hensley, a 6'11 center, ranked among the top five prospects in talent-rich North Carolina this past season.

felt like a first-class Grand Prix driver . . . capable of retrieving his Wolfpack from the edge of disaster only to find it headed toward the edge of another disaster. With the eminent departure of Lorenzo Charles and Cozell McQueen, big men were the order of the day. High school All-American Walker Lambiotte should help immediately. The 6'7 Lambiotte averaged 28.3ppg and 14 rebounds. Eastern Carolina's two top prospects, 6'9 Charles Shackleford and 6'8 Chuck Brown have signed. In an injury-ridden senior campaign, Shackleford averaged 18 points and 13 caroms per game. Brown upped his 21.5 junior year scoring average to 25.3ppg for 19-5 Leland N. Brunswick. Wing guard Kenny Posten (6'7) averaged 17 points and 12 boards per game. Valvano also struck pay dirt in the spring, signing 6'1 point guard Kelsey Weems. The 6'1 Weems averaged 27 points and 9 assists for Walker High in Metro Atlanta. Indiana's Mike Giomi is also expected to enroll in the fall. In a rare turn of events, November signee Eric "Slim" Duncan decided to sign with UNCC making way for the Wolfpack

N.C. STATE In '84-'85, Jim Valvano must have

to sign 6'9 **Teviin Binns** from Midland JC. Bottom line, it's a group that should get Jimmy V to the "Sweet Sixteen" again next spring.



MICHIGAN Although the Wolverines lose only backup guard Leslie Rockymore, Bill Frieder managed to sign five front court players and an above average guard to keep his upperclassmen from

getting to complacent. The key addition is Michigan's Mr. Basketball, 6'7 forward **Glen Rice**. Rice led Flint Northwestern to a Class A state title in March averaging 28 points and 12 boards per game. **Loy Vaught**, a 6'9 power forward from East Kenwood, was the states most underrated player. Vaught averaged 25ppg, 13 rebounds and 6 rejects. Kalamazoo's **J.P. Oosterbaan** is talented enough to spell Roy Tarpley in the pivot. Forward **Mark Hughes** (6'8, 25ppg) and **Mike Griffin** (6'6, 25ppg) will contribute in time. Indiana all-state guard **Billy Butts** was the driving force in Muncie's offense .... averaging over 25ppg.



USC When asked if his team's late season play caused him nightmares, coach Stan Morrison replied, "Not really, you have to sleep to have nightmares." The sleepless nights ended for Morrison

on April 21 when Santa Ana forward Tom Lewis dropped UNLV In favor of the Trojans. Lewis, the 5-A "Player of the Year" in southern California, averaged 31.8 points and 12 boards while leading Mater Dei to a CIF title. Eric Gathers and Greg Kimble, a pair of all-staters from Philadelphia's Dobbins Tech inked on April 24th. This dynamic duo led Dobbins to a 28-2 record, the city title and the No. 1 ranking in the Keystone state. Point guard Rich Grande, CIF 4-A Player-of-the-Year for 1985. will run the offense in time. Also on board is all-state forward Jeff Connelly from Santa Cruz and 6'8 Mike Canada from Omaha, NE.



IOWA Despite persistent rumors from Louisville that George Raveling would not return to lowa City for a third season, the Hawkeyes managed to recruit themselves a title contender. Heading perhaps the

strongest contingent in Hawkeye history is 6'8 Ed Horton, Mr. Basketball in the state of Illinois. Horton, an all-American forward from Springfield Lanphier, averaged 27 points and 15 boards per game his senior year. Birmingham Brother Rice guard B.J. Armstrong will fill graduating Todd Berkenpas' sneakers and then some. As a senior, Armstrong averaged 27 points and 6 assists per contest. Roy Marble, a 6'5 guard from Flint Beecher, was named MVP in the highly competitive Big 9 conference for the past three seasons. A 28ppg contributor, Marble's final four also included Georgetown, Michigan and DePaul. Kevin Gamble, a 6'8 transfer from Lincoln, IL is a first team JUCO All-American who averaged 20.5 points and 10 boards per game. Les Jespen, a 6'4 center from North Dakota, will contribute in time.

VILLANOVA It was a banner year for the Wildcats
... their sixth straight NCAA bid and resulting national championship ... and for Rolie Massimino, over 1,000 coaching victories. But the Wildcats will enter the '85-'86 season minus the most famous gunslingers since Bonnie and Clyde, center Ed Pinckney and forward Dwayne McClain. The losses will be lessened with the additions of All-Americans Doug West, Kenny Wilson and New York's Gary Massey. The 6'6 West amassed 1,607 career points and over 900 rebounds. On the strength of West's 22 points and 11 rebounds per game, Altoona finished the season with a 27-1 record. Jersey City St. Anthony's Kenny Wilson became the first player in N.J. history to be selected MVP of the State Class "B" Tourna-

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ment two consecutive years. The 5'9 Wilson averaged 19 points, 7 assists and 4 steals per game. He is this year's David Rivers. Massey is a product of the New York parochial school system. The Bronx native dropped in 1,392 career points for the No. 3 ranked team in New York. Massimino should be able to look 6'10 Marty Eggleston and 6'11 Bryon Tucker right in the belly button. Tucker, who prepped at Hyattsville Northwestern, is the more accomplished center going in. He averaged 20 points and 11 boards per game.



WAKE FOREST The question for the day is, "If Three's a Crowd and Eight is Enough, what do you call seven super recruits?" Things may never be the same in Winston-Salem now that guards Rod

Watson, Michael Porter and Cal Boyd have arrived. The 6'2 Watson, who hails from Memphis, became the first player in Tennessee history to lead the state in scoring three straight years averaging over 30ppg in the process. He also led his team to the National Junior Olympics championship last summer. Porter, a 6'4 second guard, averaged 17.5 points and 6 rebounds for Howard JC in Texas last season. Boyd, an all-state guard from Smyrna, GA set a career scoring record at Campbell high with 1,709 total points. A 3.8 student, Boyd backed off an earlier commitment to Tulane after the Green Wave's house of cards collapsed. Coach Carl Tacy is looking for an instant contribution from 6'11 Mike Scott, the premier center in Kentucky last season. A four-year starter. Scott averaged over 20ppg for Greenup high school. Paul Deibert is a solid forward from Johnstown, PA. while Arthur Larkins, another quard, ranked among the top ten prospects in Florida. Coach Tacy is hoping these recruits will turn the Deacons into a work of art . . . for in the past they have all to often been still life rather than poetry in motion.



CLEMSON If the Clemson basketball program drops dead tomorrow, at least it died in good health, Roland Shelton is a 6'5 high school All-American who averaged 25.2ppg for Columbia High

in Decatur, GA. Jerry Pryor, a 6'8 All-American forward from Brooklet, GA averaged 22 points, 16 rebounds and 7 blocked shots per game. Point guard Michael Best hails from All Saints H.S. in Washington, DC. A 19ppg scorer, Best led All Saints to a No. 7 national rating. John Hall, a 6'10 center, was rated the top big man in Alabama high school ranks. Larry Middleton, a two-time JUCO Player-of-the-Year in California, signed in April. A wing guard, Middleton averaged 28.2ppg and also led his L.A. Valley team in rebounding. Just what the ACC needs, another competitive team.



SOUTH CAROLINA This marks the second banner recruiting year in a row for the Gamecocks. From national high school champion Baltimore Dunbar comes 6'9 forward Terry Dozier. Dozier

averaged 20.3 points and 12 rebounds during the regular season and led the East Team to a 128-98 win over the West in the McDonald's High School All-American game in Dallas in mid-April. Dozier's final college choices included Wichita State and Kansas. Brother Perry, a 6'11 center, also inked. Bill Vernau, a 6'7, 215 pound power forward from Pittsburgh, signed in February. Vernau who averaged 21.3 points and 13 boards, set a state playoff record for most rebounds with 25 in one game. JUCO all-American Darryl Martin, a 6'7 forward from Allen County C.C. is a 22 year old Army veteran who should march his way into the starting lineup. Recruited heavily by Kansas, Alabama and UAB, Martin averaged 23 points and 14 rebounds for a 26-7 team.



**GEORGETOWN** Failing for the second time in three years to capture the "Big One". John Thompson all but clamped a lid on his 1985 recruits. However, it is known that the finest coach east of Joe B.

Hall inked at least three perspective superstars in Jonathan Edwards, Darryl Prue and Bobby Winston. Prue and Winston are D.C. products. Winston teamed with Phillip Gamble (CT) to lead All Saints to an undefeated season in '84-'85. Prue, who averaged only 18ppg in a disappointing senior campaign.

was named D.C.'s Junior Player-of-the-Year in 1984. Edwards, the big man Digger Phelps coveted, averaged 21.4ppg for New ans O. Perry Walker. He will be given every opportunity to win the starting center's spot this fall. **Jamon Jackson**, a 6'5 guard from New Orleans reportedly has signed. The Hoyas are also in the derby to land point guard Earl Moore. What Bobby Knight wouldn't give for John Thompson's talent.



ARIZONA Lute Olson has gained the reputation as college basketball's exorcist because he so easily scares the Devil out of the competition. With the loss of five seniors, Olson needed a big year and got

it. The prize recruit is likely to be **Derek Jones**, a 6'6 forward from Long Beach City College. Jones, who averaged 21.5 points and nine caroms per game, was selected the most valuable player in five JUCO tournaments over the past two years. Among the six incoming freshmen, the cream of the crop appears to be 6'3 guard **Eric Cooper** and 6'7 forward **Sean Elliott**. Cooper, who has the ability to leap right out of a gym, averaged 23ppg for football powerhouse Wilmington Banning. Elliott was the single best prospect in a decent group of Arizona prep stars this season. A high school All-American, Elliott averaged 27ppg his senior year. Big things are also expected from 6'8 forward **Anthony Cook** of Van Nuys, CA.



DUKE If Danny Ferry is the finest power forward in the game today then I'm James Bond . . . and speaking on behalf of his majesties service I'd like to share a few facts about this 6'10 DeMatha star.

share a few facts about this 6'10 DeMatha star. First, he's only the fifth freshman ever to play on the DeMatha varsity. Secondly, coach Mike Krzyzewski is quick to point out his record 111 assists. Finally, a true measure of his leadership ability rests with DeMatha's 114-13 four-year record. Don't bet against Ferry taking his 19 point and 15 rebounds per game right into the Blue Devil's starting lineup this fall. **George Burgin**, a 7'0 center from Tommy Amaker's high school, W. T. Woodson, is known more for his defense and boardwork than his offensive production. Washington coach Marv Harshman calls 6'3 **Quin Snyder**, "as good a high school guard as I've ever seen in Washington." Snyder led Mercer Island to a 28-1 record and a state championship... averaging 18ppg along the way. **John Smith**, a 6'7 forward is the final newcomer. He experienced a disappointing senior season while fighting to maintain his 2.0gpa.



VIRGINIA Although Terry Holland no longer has to prove there is life after Ralph Sampson, he had to recruit well just to stay alive in the talent rich ACC. The "franchise" player among the new recruits 6:4

The "franchise" player among the new recruits 6 '4 Richard Morgan. A consensus All-American, Morgan averaged 26ppg for Salem High School in Virginia. Holland also found a legitimate assassin in 6'7 forward Andrew Kennedy, a JUCO transfer from Amarillo, TX via Kingston, Jamaica. While in Texas, the Cavaliers also lassoed Lance Blanks. As a senior, the 6'4 Blanks averaged 22.8 points, 9 boards and 6 assists per game. The final recruit is Indiana all-stater Jeff Daniel, a 16ppg scorer from Indianapolis Perry Meridian.



SYRACUSE The Orangemen have been to a postseason tournament for fifteen consecutive years and that school record won't be in jeopardy as the '86-'87 season approaches. Jim Boeheim recruited

a stellar threesome. Added to an already strong backcourt will be Sherman Douglas, a 6'0 point guard from Washington Springarn . . . the high school of former Orange great Dave Bing. Last year Douglas averaged 26.6 points and 8 assists per game as Springarn went 31-0 and won the D.C. area title. He was named Player-of-the-Year in the District of Columbia. From down the turnpike comes 6'9 Baltimore Cardinal Gibbons forward Rodney Walker. A high school All-American, Walker averaged 23.1 points and 9 boards per game. A solid defenseman, Walker also blocked 84 shots in 32 games. Boeheim traveled to the San Gabriel Valley in California to secure the services of 6'11 Erik Rogers. The Temple City superstar averaged 22.6 points and 10 rebounds per game. The folks at Syracuse would neither confirm



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or deny that they have signed 6'10 pivotman **Kenzie Scott**, who will probably enroll in a West Coast Junior College to attain a 2.0gpa.

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\*\*\* Potential starter as a freshman, however, not likely to play pro ball.

### **POST PLAYERS**

Name	Rating	Ht.	City-State	School
Tito Horford	****	7'1	Houston, TX	Houston
Pervis Ellison	****	6'9	Savannah, GA	Louisville
Charles Shackleford	****	6'9	Kinston, NC	N.C. State
Doug Roth	****	6'11	Knoxville, TN	Tennessee
Rodney Walker	****	6'9	Baltimore, MD	Syracuse
Jonathan Edwards	****	6'9	New Orleans, LA	Georgetown
Marty Hensley	****	6'11	Marion, NC	N. Carolina
Gary Leonard	***	7'0	Belleville, IL	Missouri
Brian Schwabe	***	6'9	Mercer Island, WA	Northwestern
Martin Henlan	***	6'11	Chesapeake, VA	VA Common
Marco Baldi	***	7'1	Brookville, NY	Unsigned
Jeff Venz	***	6'4	Birmingham, AL	UAB
J.P. Oosterbaan	***	6'11	Kalamazoo, MI	Michigan
Tico Cooper	***	6'9	Allegheny CC, PA	Pittsburgh
Carl Pitts	***	6'8	Los Angeles, CA	UCLA

### POWER AND QUICK FORWARDS

POWER	UNA	QUI	CKFORW	ARDS
Danny Ferry	****	6'10	Hyattsville, MD	Duke
Glen Rice	****	6'7	Flint, MI	Michigan
Tony Kimbro	****	6'7	Louisville, KY	Louisville
Ed Horton	****	6'7	Springfield, IL	Iowa
Rick Calloway	****	6'6	Cincinnati, OH	Indiana
Michael Jones	****	6'7	Phoenix City, AL	Auburn
Tom Hammonds	****	6'8	Crestview, FL	Georgia Tech
Tom Lewis	****	6'7	Santa Ana, CA	USC
Jerome Lane	****	6'6	Akron, OH	Pittsburgh
Walker Lambiotte	****	6'6	Woodstock, VA	N.C. State
Terry Dozier	****	6'9	Baltimore, MD	S. Carolina
Lowell Hamilton	****	6'7	Chicago, IL	Illinois
Irving Thomas	****	6'8	Carol City, FL	Kentucky
Steve Bucknall	****	6'6	Byfield, MA	N. Carolina
Kenny Payne	****	6'7	Laurel, MS	Louisville
Tony Mack	****	6'5	Brandon, FL	Georgia
Doug West	***	6'6	Altoona, PA	Villanova
Melvin McCants	***	6'8	Chicago, IL	Purdue
Kip Jones	***	6'8	Decatur, IN	Purdue
Kevin Gamble	***	6'7	Lincoln, IL (JC)	Iowa
Roland Shelton	***	6'5	Decatur, GA	Clemson
Jerry Pryor	***	6'7	Brooklet, GA	Clemson
Steve Grayer	***	6'7	Macon, GA	Wichita St.
Sean Elliott	***	6'7	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona
Darryl Prue	***	6'7	Washington, DC	Georgetown
Derek Jones	***	6'6	Long Beach (JC)	Arizona
Mark McCathron	***	6'8	Oakland, CA	San Francisco
Michael Ansley	***	6'7	Birmingham, AL	Alabama
Tim Anderson	***	6'7	Washington, DC	Virginia Tech
Gary Massey	***	6'5	Bronx, NY	Villanova
Bernard Royster	***	6'5	Baltimore, MD	Old Dominion
Eric Gathers	有水水	6'6	Philadelphia, PA	USC
Eric Brown	***	6'6	Brooklyn, NY	Miami (FL)
Clarence Brown	***	6'6	Leland, NC	N.C. State
Roy Marble	***	6'6	Flint, MI	lowa
Emmett Lewis	***	6'6	Norwalk, CT	JUCO
Tony Massenburg	***	6'8	Sussex, VA	Maryland
Darrell Walker	***	6'8	Bronx, NY	DuQuense
Loy Vaught	***	6'8	Grand Rapids, MI	Michigan
Andrew Kennedy	***	6'7	Amarilo (JC)	Virginia

### POINT AND SECOND GUARDS

Jeff Lebo	****	6'3	Carlisle, PA	N. Carolina
Jerome Richardson	****	6'1	Philadelphia, PA	UCLA
Kevin Madden	****	6'6	Staunton, VA	N. Carolina
Rodney Strickland	****	6'2	Bronx, NY	DePaul
Richard Morgan	****	6'4	Salem, VA	Virginia
Mark Stevenson	****	6'5	Philadelphia, PA	Notre Dame
Michael Porter	****	5'11	Dublin, VA	Virginia Tech
Kenny Wilson	****	5'10	Jersey City, NJ	Villanova
Sherman Douglas	****	6'1	Washington, DC	Syracuse
Terrence Greene	****	6'1	Flint, MI	DePaul
Anthony Sherrod	****	6'5	Millen, GA	Georgia Tech
Gren Harvey	****	5'11	Cambria Heights NY	ILICO

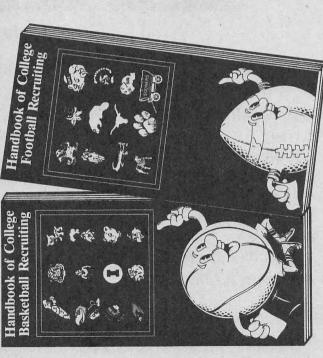
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Rod Watson	****	6'3	Memphis, TN	Wake Forest
Lance Blanks	***	6'2	Houston, TX	Virginia
Quin Snyder	***	6'3	Mercer Island, WA	Duke
Michael Best	***	6'2	Washington, DC	Clemson
Billy Butts	***	6'3	Muncie, IN	Michigan
John Johnson	***	6'4	Knoxville, TN	Maryland
Kelsey Weems	***	6'1	Atlanta, GA	N. Carolina St.
Phillip Gamble	***	6'4	Washington, DC	Connecticut
Rod Palmer	***	6'3	Compten, CA	UCLA
Vincent Robinson	***	6'5	Bridgeport, AL	Memphis St.
Steve Benton	***	6'4	Philadelphia, PA	Boston College
Mike Porter	***	6'4	Howard, JC	Wake Forest
B.J. Armstrong	***	6'1	Birmingham, MI	Iowa
Todd Lichti	***	6'4	Concord, CA	Stanford
Bobby Winston	***	6'4	Washington, DC	Georgetown
Chris Duncan	***	6'5	Jonesboro, GA	Georgia
Kirk Lee	***	6'1	Baltimore, MD	W. Kentucky
Earl Moore	***	6'0	Washington, DC	Unsigned
John McIntyre	***	6'4	Detroit, MI	Detroit
Greg Kimble	***	6'4	Philadelphia, PA	USC
Monroe Douglas	***	6'4	St. Louis, MO	St. Louis
Chris Morris	***	6'5	Houston, TX	Unsigned
Curtis Taylor	***	6'1	Syracuse, NY	Illinois
Vince Ingram	***	6'3	Martensville, VA	Tenn Chatt
Gerald Green	***	6'0	New York, NY	Seton Hall
Lew Hill	***	6'4	San Jacinto (JC)	Wichita St.
Larry Middleton	***	6'2	Santa Ana (JC)	Clemson

### THE NATION'S FABULOUS FIFTY JUNIORS

FABULOUS	FIF	IY JUNIORS
Name	Ht.	City-State
Nick Anderson	6'5	Chicago, IL
Louis Banks	6'6	Camden, NJ
Marcus Broadnax	6'1	Fort Walton Beach, FL
Chris Brooks	6'6	
Quinton Burton	6'5	Columbia, NY
David Butler	6'8	Washington, DC
Rex Chapman	6'1	Owensboro, KY
Michael Christian	6'3	Denver, CO
Anthony Corbitt	6'7	Dayton, OH
Randy Doss	6'6	Chicago, IL
Dee Erby	6'5	Muncie, IN
Joseph Frederick	6'3	Cincinnati, OH
Jon Fedor	6'8	
Tony Freeman	5'7	Westchester, IL
Norm Grevey	6'0	
Rod Grose	6'10	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE
Michael Hayward		San Anselmo, CA
Steve Hood	6'6	Hyattsville, MD
Ron Huery	6'6	Memphis, TN
Fess Irvin	5'11	Gonzales, LA
Duane Ivory	6'7 6'4	Bronx, NY
Wayne Key	6'7	Bristol, PA
Alvin Lester	6'1	Roxboro, NC
Travis Mays Teyon McCoy	6'7	Ocola, FL
John McNeil	6'3	Hammond, IN Wilson, NC
Terry Mills	6.0	Romulus, MI
James Munlyn	6'11	Aiken, SC
Ala Abdal Nabby	6'9	Bloomfield, NJ
Melvin Newbern	6'4	Toledo, OH
Anthony Pendleton	6'4	Flint, MI
Kurt Portman	6'8	Sheboygan, WI
J.R. Reid	6'10	Virginia Beach, VA
Ray Richardson	6'6	South Bend, IN
Levertis Robinson	6'6	Chicago, IL
Rumeal Robinson	6'2	Cambridge, MA
Mark Rudolph	6'0	Santa Monica, CA
Rodney Samuel	6'5	Dallas, TX
Bernie Saulsberry	6'3	Milledgeville, GA
Wayne Sims	6'7	De Ridder, LA
Deron Smith	6'5	Destrehan, LA
Larry Smith	6'2	Alton, IL
Felton Spencer	7'1	Louisville, KY
Keith Starks	6'6	North Bend, OH
Rod Steavens	6'4	Selma, AL
Rodney Taylor	6'7	Columbia, SC
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- 2 Georgetown
- 3 Pittsburgh
- 4 St. John's
- 5 Villanova
- 6 Boston College
- 7 Seton Hall
- 8 Connecticut
- 9 Providence

Talented sophomore center Rony Seikaly is the main man up front for Big East favorite Syracuse.

### **Atlantic Ten**

- 1 St. Joseph's
- 2 Temple
- 3 Duquesne
- 4 Rutgers
- 5 West Virginia
- 6 St. Bonaventure
- 7 Rhode Island
- 8 George Washington
- 9 Massachusetts
- 10 Penn State

### **East Coast Conference**

- 1 Lehigh
- 2 Bucknell
- 3 Delaware
- 4 Drexel
- 5 Hofstra
- 6 Lafayette
- 7 Rider
- 8 Towson State

### MAAC

- 1 Iona
- 2 Fairfield
- 3 Fordham
- 4 St. Peter's
- 5 Manhattan
- 6 Holy Cross
- 7 LaSalle
- 8 Army

### Colonial Athletic Assoc.

- 1 Navy
- 2 Richmond
- 3 George Mason
- 4 James Madison
- 5 East Carolina
- 6 American
- 7 UNC-Wilmington
- 8 William & Mary

### **ECAC North Atlantic**

- 1 Northeastern
- 2 Niagara
- 3 Boston University
- 4 Canisius
- 5 Maine
- 6 New Hampshire
- 7 Colgate
- 8 Vermont



- 1 Marist
- 2 Fairleigh-Dickinson
- 3 Loyola
- 4 Wagner
- **5 Robert Morris**
- 6 St. Francis (NY)
- 7 Long Island
- 8 St. Francis (Pa)
- 9 Monmouth

### Ivy League

- 1 Yale
- 2 Pennsylvania
- 3 Princeton
- 4 Cornell
- 5 Columbia
- 6 Harvard
- 7 Brown
- 8 Dartmouth

### Independent

1 Utica College

# **Big East**

### Syracuse (22-9)

Starters Returning-4

Schedule-Above Avg.

Coach Jim Boeheim and his Orangemen must have been elated to see the Big East class of '85 graduate. Picking up diplomas were players like Patrick Ewing, Chris Mullin, Eddie Pinckney, Bill Wennington and Dwayne McClain, all of whom have tormented the Orange over the past four years. Now, while the rest of the Big East is rebuilding, the Orangemen are loaded and ready to take the title. Despite their relative youth, Syracuse finished tied for third in the rugged Big East last year, the other third place team being the NCAA Champion Villanova Wildcats!

Leading the way for Syracuse is the dynamic 6-2 junior Dwayne "Pearl" Washington, a second team All-American last season. Washington, who averaged 15.4 ppg and dished out nearly 200 assists as a sophomore last year, may be the single most exciting player in College Basketball. When "The Pearl" gets the fast break going, you might as well just turn out the lights baby, because it's two points. When he's on his game,

Washington cannot be stopped.

Joining Pearl in the starting backcourt will be 6-4 soph sharpshooter Michael Brown (8.4), who suffered through an inconsistent initial campaign. At times, Brown shot the ball as well as anyone in the league, and that includes Chris Mullin. If he can regain his confidence and his consistency, the Orange attack will be dynamite! The top backcourt reserve is 6-3 junior Greg Monroe (4.1), a versatile southpaw who can play either the point or at off guard. Monroe may not have the physical skills of a Washington or a Brown, but his aggressive heads-up play will always help the team. This year's recruiting harvest yielded 6-0 point guard Sherman Douglas, voted last year's high school player of the year by the Washington Post. Look for Douglas to learn the ropes behind the Pearl for the next two years.

Honorable Mention All-American Rafael Addison returns at small forward for his senior year, and like Washington, he holds the key(s) to the Orange attack. The 6-7 Addison ripped the nets for 18.4 points per game, tops on the squad for the second consecutive season. Addison also picked off 5.8 rebounds per contest and provided solid leadership to go along with his sweet jumper. If Raf is hitting from the wing, it opens up the middle for the Pearl to penetrate, and you know what

that means!

Joining Addison at forward is 6-9 senior Wendell Alexis (9.6), last year's ace sixth man who'll finally assume a starting role. Alexis is starting to realize his awesome potential and Coach Boeheim is expecting nothing but good things from the lanky forward. Supplying depth up front will be 6-9 soph Derek Brower (2.4) and two freshman signees, unheralded 6-11 center Erik Rogers and 6-9 center-forward Rodney Walker. Walker is a high school All-American from Baltimore who should push for floor time, while Rogers is a bit of a project who probably won't see much game action as an SU frosh.

The starting center will again be rugged 6-10 soph Rony Seikaly (8.1) who was a pleasant surprise a year ago. Seikaly started slowly as a scorer, but came on strong as he developed into a solid low-post threat. An outstanding defensive player and shot blocker, Seikaly's rebounding should continue to develop. This former resident of Lebanon and Greece is on his way to becoming the premier center on the East Coast!

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things are certainly looking on the bright side for the Upstate New Yorkers with nearly the entire cast from last year's NCAA club back in uniform. The Orangemen are getting a little sick of playing second fiddle to Georgetown, St. John's and Villanova, and this could be the year SU and Jim Boeheim get revenge. With Addison and the incomparable Pearl Washington leading the way, the Orange

should top the 20-win mark. And when you throw in the likes of Selkaly, Alexis and a rejuvenated Brown, you have the makings of a Big East champion! SU's our pick in the Big East and a legitimate contender for College Basketball's Top Ten in 1985-86.

### Georgetown (35-3)

Starters Returning-3

Schedule-Above Avg.

Two points! That's all that prevented the Georgetown Hoyas from walking away with their second consecutive National Championship last season. It was fairly obvious that the Hoyas were the best team in the nation, and only a superhuman effort by Rollie Massimino's Villanova Wildcats kept Georgetown out of the winner's circle. It was a game that few people will ever forget.

Now, the big question at Georgetown is whether or not there's life after Patrick Ewing. Ewing was perhaps the most dominant center to ever play the college game, especially on the defensive end of the floor. But Ewing is gone and so is forward Billy Martin, himself a second round NBA draft choice. But shed no tears for Coach John Thompson, who does return eight lettermen to go along with yet another fine freshmen

corps.

Up front, Thompson has helped ease the loss of Ewing by coaxing 6-11 Ralph Dalton back for his senior year. Dalton (3.2) has already graduated, but he has a year of eligibility left because he sat out his freshman year with a severe leg injury. Dalton is a tireless worker who, now that Ewing's gone, should emerge as more of an offensive threat. Dalton will probably start at center, with 6-10 sophomore Grady Mateen (2.7) taking over at power forward. Mateen has the potential to be a fine player, but he must learn to become more aggressive. Hoping to unseat Mateen is 6-8 sophomore Ronnie Highsmith (2.3) and 6-9 incoming frosh Jonathan Edwards, a high school All-American from New Orleans. Highsmith played hurt last year and is expected to be much better this season, while Edwards is a very talented youngster who should see extensive duty.

Certain to start at small forward is talented 6-7 junior Reggie Williams (11.9), an outstanding shooter who can also play the big guard spot. Starting at big guard will again be 6-5 senior David Wingate (12.4), a multi-talented player who can also fill in at small forward. In fact, Georgetown has several players who can swing back and forth between forward and guard. The top returning swingman is 6-4 soph Perry McDonald (4.4), an extremely aggressive player who needs to improve his outside

shooting.

Thompson has two very solid point guards to call on in 6-2 senior Michael Jackson (7.3) and 6-1 senior Horace Broadnax (5.2), both of whom can really light it up from the outside on occasion. Jackson dished out 242 assists a year ago, a new single-season Hoya record. Also supplying depth in the backcourt is 6-4 sophomore Kevin Floyd (1.5), who saw limited

duty last season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: For those of you expecting Georgetown to fall flat on their faces this year, you better think again. Certainly Thompson will miss Ewing and Martin, but he still has the firepower to compete with any team in the nation. The Hoyas will not be a great offensive team, but they'll score enough points with Williams, Wingate and Jackson in the fold. Mostly, however, Georgetown will win games with defensive pressure as Thompson has several amazing athletes on the team. Also, Thompson somehow managed to sneak 6-9 forward Michael Graham back into school. Graham, a starter as a frosh two years ago, flunked out of school and transferred to UDC last year. His return is a big plus! All told, look for Georgetown to finish second in the Big East, just a notch behind Syracuse and a step ahead of the young Pitt Panthers.

### Pittsburgh (17-12)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

Things are really starting to look up for the Pitt Panthers in the rugged Big East Conference. For the first time since they entered the league, Pltt projects as a proven first-division ballclub. Last year's fine young squad finished a solid fifth in the Big East on the way to an NCAA Tournament bid. Perhaps the Panthers' greatest moment a year ago came in their last regular season game when they blew out eventual National Champion Villanova by 23 points. With five starters and eight lettermen returning, coach Roy Chipman is quite optimistic about Pitt's chances this season. Throw in a strong freshmen class and it all adds up to the Panthers challenging for the Big East Championship.

The top player for Pittsburgh is 6-10 sophomore forward Charles Smith (15.0/8.0), a potential All-American. Smith enjoyed an outstanding freshman season as he established himself as one of the best young players around. He reminds some people of former North Carolina All-American Sam Perkins, now an NBA star with the Dallas Mavericks. Joining Smith at forward is 6-6 senior Darryl Shepherd (6.5), who emerged as a star near the end of last season. Shepherd didn't become a starter until the last five games a year ago, but over that brief period of time he pumped home 16 ppg. Chipman is hoping to see much of the same from Shepherd this season.

Returning to start in the pivot is 6-9 senior Keith Armstrong (7.5/5.1), a rugged bruiser who really knows how to throw his 245 pounds around. Armstrong is a solid defensive player who's yet to emerge as an offensive threat, but the Panthers could do a lot worse at the center position. Pushing Armstrong for starting duty will be 6-8 junior college transfer Tico Cooper, whose game has been said to resemble that of NBA star Maurice Lucas. The top reserves up front are letter winners 6-7 senior Matt Miklasevich (2.3) and 6-8 junior Marlon Ferguson (2.1). Also vying for playing time at both forward and center are 6-9 redshirt frosh Rich Carrigan and 6-9 rookie Steve Maslek, neither of whom will see extensive duty this season.

The Panthers have a fine young backcourt duo in 6-6 sophomore Demetreus Gore (9.2) and 6-0 junior point man Curtis Aiken (9.2), the team leader in assists a year ago with 123. Chipman is hoping to get more consistent performances out of these flashy youngsters this season. The top reserve at guard a year ago returns in the form of 6-5 senior Joey David (4.7, 41 assists), a steady sub who can get the job done. Chipman has brought in one of the best rookie swingmen in the nation in 6-6 Jerome Lane, a 27 ppg scorer in high school. Lane will see time at both guard and forward this season, and may push for starting time in the very near future. Also in reserve at guard are 6-4 senior John Blanton and 6-3 incoming frosh Mike Goodson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's about time Roy Chipman started getting the credit he deserves for the fine job he's done at Pittsburgh. Despite their youth, the Panthers did very well a year ago on their way to an NCAA tournament invite. Chipman has gathered together some of the best young talent on the east coast in Smith, Gore and Lane. With big man Smith leading the way, the Panthers could go far in the tough Big East conference. Look for Pitt to finish no worse than third in the Big East, as another NCAA tourney bid and a possible Top Twenty ranking lay ahead for Chipman's Pitt Panthers.

### St. John's (31-4)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Above Avg.

What a great season the St. John's Redmen had a year ago, by far their best under coach Louie Carnesecca. They were ranked No. 1 in the nation much of last season and lost just four games. Three of those defeats came at the hands of the Georgetown Hoyas, the final loss coming in the NCAA semifinals. But the Chris Mullin era is over at St. John's, and Carnesecca faces a major rebuilding task. Graduating along with All-American Mullin, and his team-leading 20.4 ppg, are starting point guard Mike Moses, ace sixth man Ron Stewart and big 7-0 center Billy Wennington (12.5), like Mullin a first round NBA draft pick last summer. Mullin was the heart and soul of this Redmen team for the past four seasons, and now

that he's gone, things are bound to go a little downhill.

Little Looie will rebuild around 6-8 junior power forward Walter Berry (17.0), the team's second leading scorer and top rebounder a year ago. Berry, an Honorable Mention All-American last season, may have to move to the pivot in order to replace the graduated Wennington. Returning to start at one forward position is 6-5 junior skywalker Willie Glass (7.0), one of the best pure athletes in college basketball. Glass, a defender with few peers, always draws the other team's best player, and he's been noted for the job he did on Syracuse's Rafael Addison last season. If Carnesecca does choose to go with Berry at center, the third up front regular will be dynamic 6-7 sophomore swingman Shelton Jones (3.5), who was effective a year ago as a little-used reserve. Jones, who should develop into a fine offensive player, may also end up as the starting off guard.

Much depends on the development of 6-11 incoming frosh Marco Baldi, who some people expect to start at center from day one at St. John's. However, the overwhelming consensus is that Baldi is not yet ready to take on the Rony Seikalys and Charlie Smiths of the Big East. Also in the hunt for playing time up front is the 6-7 duo of JUCO transfer John Hempel and sophomore Terry Bross (1.1), who saw very limited duty a year

ago.

The heir-apparent to Moses on the point is 6-3 junior Mark Jackson (5.1), who has been a fine player coming off the bench for Carnesecca the past two seasons. Almost certain to start at the big guard spot is 6-5 senior Ron Rowan (3.5), one of the better outside shooters in the conference. The possibility exists that Baldi will start at center, thus moving Shelton Jones to guard. In this case, Rowan would serve as the team's sixth man, filling in at both forward and guard. Supplying depth at guard will be seldom-used 6-4 soph Steve Shurina (1.0) and 6-1 JUCO transfer Greg Jones, the older brother of Shelton Jones.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Only a fool would think the Redmen will not be a little worse off this season. A team is bound to be when losing the likes of Chris Mullin and Bill Wennington. Still, Carnesecca usually has a way of getting by under any circumstances. And fortunately for the Redmen, the rest of the Big East is also considerably weaker than a year ago, except of course for Syracuse, Georgetown and Pittsburgh. St. John's appears to be a middle of the pack team in the Big East this year, probably finishing a solid fourth or fifth. But anyone who bets against Loole posting another winning record and making an 18th consecutive post-season trip needs to get his head examined!

### Villanova (25-10)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Without question, the Villanova Wildcats drive to the National Championship was the biggest surprise in College Basketball last season. After a solid campaign that saw the 'Cats finish tied for third in the rugged Big East, Villanova entered the NCAA's on a down note, losing a 23-point blowout to the Pitt Panthers in their last regular season game. Given little chance of making it past the first round in the NCAA tourney, Coach Rollie Massimino gathered his troops and inspired them to play to amazing heights. It seemed as though the sixth man for Villanova was the clock, or more specifically the lack of the 45 second timer. The Wildcats' patient slow-down offense combined with their airtight defense to stifle the opposition.

On their way to the championship game in Lexington, Villanova faced -- and sidelined -- a list that reads like College Basketball's Top Twenty: Michigan, Maryland, North Carolina, Memphis State. The rest is history as the heavily favored Hoyas suffered a bitter defeat at the hands of Massimino's Wildcats, 66-64. Unfortunately for Coach Rollie, the chances of repeating rank right up there with his ability to do a 360 jam! Tri-captains Eddie Pinckney, Dwayne McClain and Gary McLain have departed the 'Nova scene, taking with them more than 4,000 points, 2,000 rebounds and a ton of incredible memories.

The new star at Villanova will be 6-7 senior forward Harold Pressley (12.8 ppg, 7.9 rpg) one of the nation's premier defensive forwards who's made major strides on offense and will be

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asked to pick up the scoring load inside now that E.Z. Eddie Pickney and D. Train McClain are gone. The likely starter at small forward is 6-6 soph Mark Plansky (3.3), a highly recruited player who shot a disappointing 43 percent from the field last winter. The top returning reserve at forward is 6-7 junior Connally Brown (1.3), who performed well in limited action a year ago. Massimino signed two of the best small forwards in the nation in 6-6 Doug West and 6-5 Gary Massey, both of whom are expected to contribute much this season. Also available at forward is 6-5 junior walk-on Steve Pinone.

The starting backcourt consists of 6-2 senior Dwight Wilbur (7.5) and 6-4 junior sharpshooter Harold Jensen (4.5). Wilbur has been a starter for the better part of two years, providing the 'Cats with consistent outside shooting. Jensen, who came to 'Nova three years back as one of the most sought after schoolboys in the nation, turned loose after two disappointing seasons to have a hot time in the NCAAs. Jensen shot brilliantly, including a perfect 5 for 5 from downtown in the title game against Georgetown. Supplying backcourt depth is 6-1 soph Veltra Dawson and 5-10 senior R.C. Massimino, along with 5-9 incoming frosh Gary Wilson. You might also see Plansky, West and Massey doing some time on the backline, given the lack of depth at the guard slots.

Vying for the starting center spot are 7-1 senior Chuck Everson and 6-11 junior Wyatt Maker, neither of whom worked up much of a sweat a year ago. The 'Cats need one of these two to step forward and take over for the departed Pinckney, and if

that happens, the 'Cats will be flying once again.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year was "the" dream season for Coach Massimino, and a fine farewell it was for his three outstanding seniors. So committed to Villanova that he turned down an offer to coach the professional New Jersey Nets at probably three times his 'Nova wages, Massimino will earn his money this season as he brings a rebuilding club into the thick of the Big East battle. The 'Cats shouldn't have much trouble putting together a winning season with solid performers like Pressley, Wilbur and Jensen in the fold, and while a middle-of-the-pack Big East finish seems likely, another NCAA bid wouldn't be surprising for this gang.

### Boston College (20-11)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Boston College Eagles were one of the great surprises in college hoops a year ago. Sure, B.C. only finished sixth in the Big East with a 7-9 record, but the team went 13-2 outside the rugged conference. The Eagles' accomplishments did not go unnoticed as they received an NCAA bid. B.C. then went on to knock off Texas Tech and heavily-favored Duke before finally bowing to Memphis State, an NCAA Final Four team. But this is a new season, and gone from last year's fine squad are ace sixth man Stu Primus (8.8), starting forward Terrence Talley (6.3) and point guard Michael Adams (15.3), the glue that held the Boston College offense together. With these three gone, Coach Gary Williams' squad may not be as good as a year ago.

The top returning scorer is 6-5 senior forward Roger McCready (14.8/4.8), one of the league's most underrated players. McCready plays much bigger than his listed 6-5, and he's displayed an uncanny ability to draw fouls against other big men. Last season alone he made 201 trips to the charity stripe. Sharpshooting 6-7 sophomore Skip Barry (6.5) was a pleasant surprise as a frosh last season as he provided valuable minutes off the bench for Coach Williams. With Talley gone, Barry is slated to start at the second forward position. The top returning reserves at forward are 6-8 sophomore Tyrone Scott (1.7) and little-used 6-6 senior Mike Sinicki (0.9). Scott was impressive late last season and we expect him to see extensive duty this time around.

Williams has signed two frosh recruits at the forward position in 6-5 Steve Benton and 6-7 Tom Hjerpe, the later of whom is expected to see plenty of action. Also providing depth at forward is 6-8 junior Russ Doherty, who redshirted last season

after averaging 1.8 ppg two years ago.

Returning to start in the pivot is 6-9 senior Trevor Gordon (6.6), the team's leading rebounder a year ago. Backing up Gordon will again be 6-8 junior Troy Bowers (3.9), who will also see time at the power forward slot. Big 7-0 rookie Gary Cole will

also provide depth after coming to B.C. from Brighton, England.

Starting "off" guard Dominic Pressley (10.3) returns for his senior year after starting all 31 games a year ago. The 6-3 Pressley made great strides offensively last season as he continued to be one of the best defenders in the league. The heir apparent to Adams vacant point guard job is 6-0 sophomore Jamie Benton (2.9), who saw very limited duty as a frosh last season. Benton must develop into a team leader if the Eagles are to soar this time around. With only little-used senior 6-5 Ted Kelley (0.5) and 5-9 junior Charlie Micol (0.6) returning. Coach Williams will have to rely on a trio of freshmen to supply depth in the backcourt. Both 6-4 Kelly Monroe and the previously mentioned 6-5 Steve Benton will see action at the off guard position, while highly-touted 5-10 rookie Dana Barros will push Jamie Benton for starting point guard honors.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Boston College Eagles were not expected to do well a year ago, but they really pleased their fans by not living up to such expectations. This time around, Coach Williams will really miss his three graduated seniors, especially quarterback Adams, a third round draft pick of the Sacramento Kings. The success of the team depends largely on either Jamie Benton or Barros emerging as a team leader. We expect the Eagles to finish no higher than fourth and possibly as low as sixth in the somewhat "down" Big East. But due to their aggressive defense and hustling style of play (characterized by Pressley), the Eagles will prove to be a challenge to any team in College Basketball.

### Seton Hall (10-18)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Pirate Coach P.J. Carlesimo in 1982 took over a program that hadn't enjoyed a winning season since the late 1970's. In fact, the Seton Hall Pirates were the laughingstock of the Big East, perhaps the nation's finest collegiate conference. The results at present may not show it, but Carlesimo has done much to improve the hoops picture at Seton Hall. There's not a whole lot of victories in the win column, but remember that the Pirates have been starting many young players. Add to that fact another fine crop of recruits ready for the '85-'86 season and suddenly you have the makings of a fine team at Seton Hall in the very near future.

The "star" of this squad is undoubtedly 6-6 senior forward Andre McCloud, the team's leading scorer in each of his first three seasons. Last year McCloud outdid himself, leading the Big East in scoring and averaging 20.8 ppg on his way to Honorable Mention All-America honors. McCloud, a solid pro prospect, is definitely the main man in the Pirate attack. Returning to start at the small forward spot is 6-5 sophomore Martin Salley (8.8), who did a very credible job as a frosh a year ago. Salley shot 55 percent from the field, but is most valuable as a defender, usually drawing the toughest assignment on that side of the floor.

The top reserve at forward is 6-5 senior Ricky Burton (7.8), who has started at several positions during his career. Burton is a tough inside player who isn't afraid to scrap with the big guys. Carlesimo has brought in one of the best high school forwards in the East in 6-8 Daryll Walker out of the Bronx. Walker should see plenty of action at both forward spots, along with 6-7 redshirt frosh Khyiem Long, also from the Bronx. Also available is 6-6 senior Phil Whitaker (1.1).

The lack of a true center has plagued Seton Hall for years. However, for the second consecutive season Carlesimo will have a quality big man in 6-9 soph Mark Bryant (12.2), whose natural position is probably power forward. The Pirates are hoping that 7-0 sophomore transfer Frank Torruella will emerge in the middle, allowing Bryant to swing to forward. Also in reserve at center is 6-8 incoming frosh Ramon Ramos from Puerto Rico.

Returning to start at point guard is 6-0 soph James Major (9.7), who was spectacular at times as a frosh doing the unenviable job of running an offense in the Big East. Hoping to claim the vacated off guard job is 6-6 soph Mergin Sina (2.7), a major disappointment a year ago when he shot just 32 percent from the field. Challenging Sina for starting duty is 6-2 incoming frosh John Morton, a 36 ppg scorer as a prepster at Walton

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High in the Bronx. Also in reserve at guard are 6-0 frosh Gerald Greene and 6-2 junior Brad Broussard (0.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things are looking better at Seton Hall these days as P.J. Carlesimo's rebuilding efforts are coming along quite nicely. The Pirates this year will enjoy one of the league's top performers in forward Andre McCloud, a pretty good bet to lead the Big East in scoring again. McCloud will be joined in the starting lineup by four impressive sophs, which means the Pirates are young overall and will probably pay the price. The future, however, looks bright for Coach Carlesimo's troops, and with plenty of young talent on the roster, Seton Hall should make a solid push to escape the Big East basement this winter.

### Connecticut (13-15)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

It's pretty much the same story every year at Connecticut. Not enough talent to compete in the Big East and not a big enough name to recruit the kids needed to be competitive in the future. Despite a losing record, coach Dom Perno had many things to smile about, including a decent 6-10 conference record and a pair of upset victories over Top Ten ranked Syracuse. Still, it all added up to the same 13-15 record they'd compiled the year before. Going into this season, the Huskies lost their second and third leading scorers in the forward tandem of Ray Broxton (13.9) and Alvin Frederick (12.9).

But leading scorer 6-1 senior Earl Kelley (19.4) does return to man one of the guard spots for UConn, a job he's held since early in his freshman year. Kelley is one of the most prolific scorers in the Big East. His backcourt partner will probably be 6-2 sophomore Terry Coffey (3.9), who limped through an inconsistent frosh campaign a year ago. Hoping to unseat Coffey is 6-5 soph Terence Warren (4.0), who despite his non-regular status, finished second to Kelley in assists last season. Perno will look to 6-4 freshman Phil Gamble and 6-5 JUCO transfer Robert Ursery to provide depth in the backcourt. Ursey is also expected to fill in at small forward if needed.

The Huskies main man up front is rugged 6-7 senior Tim Coles (9.8/7.0), who over the past two seasons has been one of the best board bangers in the Big East. Coles provides the Huskies with some much-needed muscle up front and he always gives 100 percent when he's on the court. Coles will finally get to move to his more natural position of power forward, with 6-9 junior Gerry Besselink (3.9) taking over in the pivot. Besselink has filled in nicely for UConn over the past two seasons, but there are some serious questions concerning the legitimacy of him being a starting center in the tough Big East. Besselink must become more assertive on the offensive end of the court.

Starting at small forward is 6-7 senior Eddie Williams (8.5), who sat out most of last year with injuries after being a starter two years back. Depth up front is provided by lanky 6-10 sophomore Jeff King (2.2), 6-6 sophomore John Shea (1.7) and 6-9 incoming frosh Cliff Robinson, a highly-touted prospect out of Buffalo, New York.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's been quite some time since the Huskies were front-runners in the Big East. One has to think back to the glory days of Corny Thompson, Chuck Alexsinas and Mike McCay to remember such a time. Well, Connecticut is certainly not going to contend in the Big East this season, and although they may not be much worse off than a year ago, they could fall in the conference standings. We look for UConn to finish no better than seventh in the tough Big East.

### Providence (11-20)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Big East fans witnessed the end of an era last season at Providence College, a school with a deep tradition in the game of college basketball. Legendary head coach Joe Mullaney retired last year, thus ending his second tenure as the top man at Providence. Replacing the illustrious Mullaney is former Boston University mentor Rick Pitino. Pitino enjoyed a great deal of success at B.U., but he might find things a little more difficult in the rugged Big East conference. Pitino inherits a se-

cond division ballclub that has graduated three of its top four scorers from a year ago in Brian Waller, Ray Knight and ace sixth man Keith Lomax. Obviously, the rebuilding task ahead of Pitino is a difficult one and the Friars will certainly take their lumps this season.

The starting backcourt returns in the duo of 6-2 senior Donnie Brown (9.5) and 6-0 senior point man Harold Starks (7.4). Brown was the team's leading scorer a year ago and he's noted for his fine outside shooting, but he only shot 44.9 percent from the floor last season. Starks isn't much of a shooter, but he penetrates well and plays outstanding defense. Starks also led the team in assists last year, dishing out 119 feeds for the Friars. The top reserve at guard is former starter 6-0 junior Bill Donovan (3.2), whose playing time decreased drastically as time went on a year ago. The reason Donovan saw less playing time was because of the emergence of 6-2 sophomore Matt Pallazzi (7.9), a young man of uncanny confidence who displayed a great willingness to shoot the basketball last year.

Two other experienced lettermen return at guard in the combo of 6-3 senior Dick Pennefather (3.7) and 6-5 junior Ernie "Pop" Lewis (4.3), both of whom are caught up in a numbers game in the backcourt. The Friars are incredibly deep in this area, but we're not totally convinced that they have the talent

needed to be competitive in the Big East.

The probable starter at the vacated center spot is 6-10 junior Jacek Duda (1.6), an immigrant from Poland who saw very limited duty a year ago. Returning to start at power forward is 6-10 soph Steve Wright (4.4), who was a bit of a disappointment as a frosh last season. If Duda doesn't pan out, Wright may be forced to start in the pivot. Vying to start at the second forward position are 6-7 junior David Kipfer (2.7) and 6-5 senior Alan Roth (1.4), neither of whom have been overly impressive during their respective Friar careers. Pitino has signed three frosh recruits who he hopes will help a front line that seriously lacks depth. The trio of newcomers are 6-5 Bryan Benham, 6-6 Patrick Mosley and 6-5 Darryl Wright.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: We don't envy the chore ahead of new Friar coach Rick Pitino, who inherits a team that has never really been competitive in the Big East. The Providence program is definitely on the decline, a trend that Pitino hopes to change in a hurry. We look for the Friars to be the worst team in the conference this year, and only a small degree of

luck will keep them out of the Big East basement.

### **Atlantic Ten**

### St. Joseph's (19-12)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

St. Joseph's is celebrating its 75th year playing basketball, and the Hawks are primed to make the '85-'86 season a

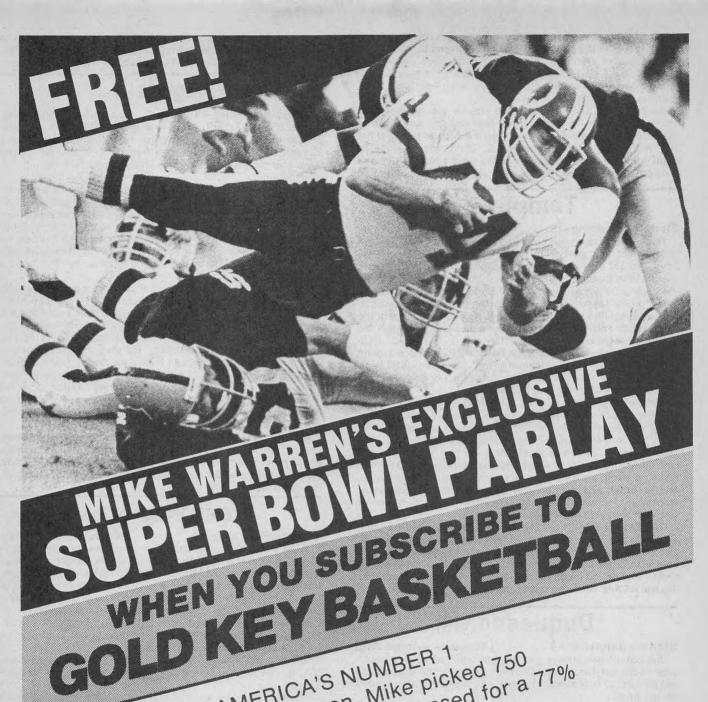
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Coach Jim Boyle will have to find a replacement for NBA-bound Bob Lojewski, one of the nation's most underrated forwards in the East last year, but his Hawks boast the most fear-some one-two punch in the league with Rodney Blake and Maurice Martin. The 6-8 Blake, a promising sophomore who was a member of the Atlantic 10 All-Freshman squad, is a true intimidator. He set a school record with 95 blocked shots, surpassing Tony Costner's 66. But blocking shots isn't all that Blake does. He was third on the team in scoring at 9.5 points and second in rebounding at 6.0.

Martin, a 6-6 senior guard/forward is an All-American candidate and the lone returner from the Atlantic 10's first-team all-star squad. Martin led the Hawks in scoring (16.5 ppg), assists (98), steals (52) and was second in rebounds (6.2) and blocked shots (21). He will be joined by 6-2 senior Geoff Arnold

(5.2 ppg), the steady leader from the backcourt.

Returning at forward is 6-6 junior Greg Mullee (5.3/4.6), who will be pushed by 6-7 senior Dave Slattery, coming off a fast finish last year, and 6-6 sophomore Jimmy Owens. The fifth starter could be 6-3 junior Wayne Williams, a defensive specialist who missed most of last season because of a back



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The Hawks will be strengthened by two promising freshmen-6-5 Kevin Baggett, an All-Stater from New Jersey, and 6-8 junior Dante Woods, a rugged rebounder from Pratt (Kansas) Community College.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Hawks are tall, talented and experienced- a combination that should carry them to the NCAA Tournament. They reached the second round of the NIT last year after a slow start. Blake should be the dominating force in the middle and Martin is a force inside and outside. Anything less than 20 wins will be a disappointment.

### **Temple** (25-6)

Starters Returning-3 Schedule-Above Avg.

Temple surprised everybody last year by reaching the NCAA Tournament and advancing to the second round for the second straight year. But three won't be a charm for the Owls unless John Chaney comes up with a frontline in a hurry to fill the huge gaps left by the loss of Atlantic 10 MVP Granger Hall and Charles Rayne, both drafted by the NBA's Phoenix Suns.

The youngsters up front will have to grow up in a hurry or the Owls will be nothing more than a perimeter shooting team led by the finest trio of guards in the league-6-4 junior Nate Blackwell (11.8 ppg), 6-3 senior Ed Coe (10.1) and 6-1 soph Howie Evans (8.4), the league's top freshman last year. Blackwell, a smooth soutpaw with a deft jumper from way out,

directs the show with a steady hand.

The Owls have solid little men, but they lack a big man with experience. John Chaney is looking for improved play from Tim Perry, a 6-9 soph center who scored 2.3 points and grabbed 3.9 rebounds per game, and 6-7 soph Derrick Brantley (1.3/1.5). The problem area is at center, where the Owls may turn to a pair of lean newcomers-7-2 freshman Robert Liburd and 6-10 Ramon Rivas, a soph transfer from the University of Puerto Rico. Another frosh who may provide help is 6-7 Mike Vreeswyk of Morrisville, Pa., who was the state's top high school scorer last year with a 33.5 average.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Temple certainly will be competitive again because all of John Chaney's team are welldisciplined and solid defensively. But don't look for Temple to breeze through the Atlantic 10. The lack of an experienced center may be too much for the Owls to overcome, so another trip the NCAAs could be out of the realm of possibility.

### Duquesne (12-18)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Jim Satalin has always had the reputation as being a coach who could get the most out of his talent. Unfortunately, he hasn't had too much talent to work with his first three seasons

on the Bluff.

The '85-'86 season could be different because the Dukes finally have a full squad, unlike last year when they lost six scholarship players for various reasons. They will be bolstered at mid-season by the return of 6-4 junior Emmett Sellers and 6-6 soph Ron Stevenson, both of whom sat out last year and will be coming off suspensions by the university.

Sellers, an all-league second-team selection two years ago, was the team's leading scorer as a soph with 17 points a game and Stevenson was on the All-Freshman squad. Until Sellers and Stevenson are eligible, the Dukes will rely on the outside bombing of 6-4 senior Rick Suder (17.5) ppg), a second-team All-Atlantic 10 performer and possibly the finest long distance marksman in the Atlantic 10. He will be joined in the backcourt by 6-4 soph Collins Dobbs (12.2), a tenacious defender who was All-Freshman last year.

Dwayne Rawls (9.7/5.8), a tough 6-6 senior, and Mark Beavers (9.4/5.5), a lithe 6-7 junior, will be the forwards. Jim Balog (3.2/3.1), a raw but talented 6-9 soph, will get the call at

center.

Satalin brought in only one recruit, 6-5 Brian Shanahan, who could challenge for a starting job in the backcourt because he's the team's only true point guard.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Dukes could be the surprise team in the Atlantic 10, maybe the East. Satalin, one of the nation's best unknown coaches, won't have to work miracles to guide the Dukes to their first winning season since '80-'81. Keep an eye on the Dukes. They could be worth watching.

### Rutgers (16-14)

Starters Returning-1 Schedule-Above Avg.

The Scarlet Knights face a major rebuilding campaign, possibly the biggest reconstruction Tom Young has had in his 12 years as head coach. Four starters are gone from last year's team that reached the championship game of the Atlantic 10 tournament.

The only starter back is Lloyd Moore, a massive 6-9 junior who is listed at 260 pounds in the press guide. Moore, who has been plagued by knee problems the past two seasons, has been a weighty problem. Moore flashed some of his potential in '84-'85, averaging 8.2 points and 6.1 rebounds for the Scarlet Knights. This season, the Knights will rely on Moore to add punch to the inside game, which should be the team's

The battle at forward is wide open with the top candidates to start being 6-8 junior Eric Riggins (12.6/4.9), 6-7 junior Ed Zucker (3.7/2.3), 6-5 Darren Campbell (2.5/0.9) and 6-9 soph Mark Peterson, who was red-shirted last year. Rutgers, the highest scoring team in the Atlantic 10 last year, is thin at guard with the loss of John Battle, the league's top scorer last year at 21 points a game, and three-year starter Brian Ellerbe.

Steve Brown (2.8 ppg), a 6-0 junior, is expected to fill the role at point guard with 6-3 freshman Bailey Alston and 6-2 freshman Rick Dadika fighting for the other job. For depth up front, the Knights will look to 6-5 freshman Anthony Duckett

and 6-6 freshman Emory Ward.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With the departure of head coach Tom Young to Old Dominion, the new man coming on board won't like what's in store for him. Simply stated, there isn't enough experience on this club to keep it from falling on the down side of .500.

### West Virginia (20-9)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

West Virginia fans are still fuming over the snub last year by the NCAA tournament selection committe, which bypassed the Mountaineers, the regular-season champion of the Atlantic 10. WVU has four starters back from that team, but Coach Gale Catlett has a major job trying to replace Lester Rowe, a four-year starter and last year's top scorer and rebounder.

A shocking loss to Duquesne in the first round of the Atlantic 10 tournament cost the Mountaineers a bid to the NCAA tournament. They wound up in the NIT, losing to Virginia in the first game. WVU, which will participate in the first preseason NIT, is seeking to make it six straight appearances in post-

season play.

The Mountaineers are well-stocked in the backcourt but are inexperienced and erratic up front. Dale Blaney (12.3 ppg), a 6-4 senior guard, will be counted on to carry the offensive load. He will be joined in the backcourt by 6-1 senior Holman Harley (8.1 ppg), who led the team in assists last year with 87. Holman, named to the All-Rookie squad, lost two seasons of eligibility because he violated an NCAA transfer rule. Renardo Brown (9.1/5.7), a 6-5 senior swingman, is valuable as a guard and forward. For depth at guard, the Mountaineers have 6-2 senior Vernon Odom (5.9/1.5) and 6-1 senior J.J. Crawl (5.2/1.6).

At center, 6-9 junior Darrell Pinchney (5.8/5.9) must be more consistent or he could lose his job to either 7-foot sophomore Lyle Shannon (0.3/0.5) or 6-10 freshman Wade Smith, who sat out last year as a red-shirt. The battle at forward will be between 6-7 junior Wayne Yearwood (4.1/2.9), 6-8 junior Eric Semisch (1.4/1.5) and 6-8 freshman John Bonesteel. Also in the hunt will be 6-7 frosh recruit Darryl Prue, one of the top 25 high school players in the country last year. He's good enough to start as soon as he hits campus.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: You can never completely count out West Virginia because the Mountaineers rarely lose at the Coliseum in Morgantown, where they are 75-7 the last five years. But WVU will probably not repeat as Atlantic 10 champion. A lack of rebounding and inside scoring punch could hold them down.

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### St. Bonaventure (14-15)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Bonnies received some bad news over the summer when 5-10 junior Alvin Lott, the Atlantic 10 Rookie of the Year two years ago, left school and said he was transferring to lona. Coach Jim O'Brien had hoped that Lott, a flashy point guard, could lead the fastbreak. The loss of Lott leaves the Bonnies a bit thin at guard, which was considered the team's strength.

Barry Mungar (12.3 ppg), who last year led the Bonnies in rebounding at 5.8 a game and was the top marksman in the Atlantic 10 with a field goal percentage of 55.5, will be the top gun for the Bonnies. The 6-8 senior forward was slowed by a chronic back injury last year which reduced his efectiveness. Aggressive board play may decide the pivot position between incumbent 6-9 junior Patrick Allen (4.7/3.1) and part-time starter Tom Boney (2.6/2.6), a 6-8 junior.

O'Brien may not hesitate to start one of his promising freshmen at forward, either 6-7 Sam Graham, a sky-walker from New York City, or 6-6 Radcliffe Llewellyn of Toronto. Mike Wager, a seldom-used 6-9 sophomore, could get some playing

time.

The backcourt will be solid with returning starter Elmer Anderson, a 6-1 junior who scored at a 9.4 clip, and 6-3 sophomore Albert Middleton, the team's most tenacious defender. Expected to push the veterans is 6-4 Junior Quinlan, a high-scorer from Nassau Community College.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The optimism has been tempered by the loss of Lott and the inconsistency of Mungar. The Bonnies will rely on quickness and outside shooting, but they don't have enough firepower or board strength to be anything more than a spoiler.

### Rhode Island (8-20)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

If experience can translate into victories, Rhode Island should really enjoy the '85-'86 season. The Rams, led by junior forward Bryan Mitchell and sophomore point guard Carlton Owens, could be a factor in the Atlantic 10 if a fine crop of freshmen mature in a hurry to help the veterans.

The 6-5 Mitchell led the Rams in scoring (14.5), rebounding (6.0) and steals (42) in addition to shooting 58 percent from the floor. Owens, a splendid 6-foot backcourtman, blossomed last year to pace the Rams with 109 assists. Owens, an All-Rookie selection, was the second high scorer at 13.5 a game.

Starters returning who will be challenged by the talented newcomers are 6-4 swingman Todd Bozeman (7.2/2.7), 6-9 junior center Chris Scotti (6.4/5.2), one of the league's top shotblockers with 53, and 6-2 sophomore guard Tom Garrick (5.9/3.6). Gavin Scotti, a 6-7 forward, and sophomore forwards

Jesse Long and Dennis Tabisz will provide depth.

Coach Brendan Malone brought in five recruits who are all expected to make an immediate contribution. They are being called the school's top freshman class in a long while. Guard William Alston is a fine defensive player who should be able to spell Owens at the point, while 6-9 center Bonzie Colson could be a big help in the middle and provide help under the boards. Ric Blevins is a sharp-shooting forward who scored 28.8 points a game in high school.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Rams should improve upon last year's 10th-place finish in the Atlantic, which was deceiving because they lost a lot of tough games at the wire. With a little bit of luck, Rhode Island could finally cross the .500 mark,

as a winning season isn't out of the question.

### George Washington (14-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

John Kuester inherited a basketball program in disarray last spring when he replaced the controversial Gerry Gimelstob as the head coach. Gimelstob spent a stormy time at GW, building up hopes but never quite bringing home a big winner.

Kuester, who starred at North Carolina in the mid 1970's and coached at Boston University for two seasons, is faced with the task of finding someone to replace Michael Brown, the 6-10

cornerstone of the program the past four years. But Brown isn't the only loss. Joe Wassel—Mr. Outside—is also gone, leaving the Colonials with a lot of guys who haven't scored a lot of points.

Leading the list of returning starters is Mike O'Reilly, a sturdy 5-11 senior who scored 7.7 pointsper game, handed out 111 assists and had 45 steals. O'Reilly will quarterback the club with sophomore Joe Dooley providing backup help. The Colonials need a return to form from 6-6 senior Darryl Webster (5.9/2.3) and 6-4 Troy Webster (5.3/2.4), both of whom slumped badly last year.

Up front, Craig Helms (3.6/2.8), a 6-6 senior, will have to shoulder the load with support from 6-9 Dan Williams (2.7/2.7)

and 6-4 Chester Wood (7.0/3.0).

Kuester got the job late and didn't have time to recruit. The only newcomer is 6-6 Brian Royal, who should provide depth along with 6-5 senior Steve Frick and 6-5 sophomore Kenny Barer.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: John Kuester has installed an up-tempo game, but the Colonials don't have any tested big people to sweep the boards and trigger the fastbreak. They will press more in '85-'86 and will play a lot of people. Kuester knows what it takes to win, and he knows he doesn't have enough to win this year at George Washington.

### Massachusetts (13-15)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Keep it close and get the ball to Carl Smith. That was the battlecry last year for the minutemen, whose 13 victories was their best in six years. Smith, a 5-11 junior guard with a flair for the dramatic, has already won or sent into overtime seven

games at the buzzer.

Smith, who holds the UMass and Atlantic 10 season assist record of 212, averaged 9.2 points a game last year. He will be expected to do even more in '85-'86 because Carl Gerlufsen's Minutemen are starting over with a new cast of characters. The only other starter back is 6-2 sophomore Lorenzo Smith (8.4 ppg), who will take his outside shooting and leaping ability to the backcourt after playing his first season alternating between guard and forward.

The rebuilt frontline will include 6-9 senior Tom Emerson (1.3/2.3), 6-4 sophomore Matt Ryan (2.1/1.7), 6-8 sophomore Wilbert Hicks (1.3/1.6) and a host of untested newcomers. Gerlufsen has eight new players to choose from, led by 6-9 John Milum, a sophomore transfer from Iona, 6-8 freshman Sean Mosby and 6-8 freshman Fitzpugh Tarry, a red-shirt in

'84-'85.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ron Gerlufsen has too many holes to fill up front to go with one of the better backcourts in the Atlantic 10. The Minutemen will have trouble getting the ball off the boards and into Smith's capable hands. They will have a tough fight to stay out of the cellar.

### Penn St (8-19)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

If you think times weren't so happy in Happy Valley last year, wait until the '85-'86 season. Rebuilding seems to be a

way of life for the Nittany Lions.

Football is king at Penn State. Basketball is the court jester. But Coach Bruce Parkhill, whose two-year record at Penn State is 13-41, isn't laughing. The Lions must fill the huge gap in the backcourt with the departure of Craig Collins and Dwight Gibson, the top two scorers last year. However, Parkhill believes his club is headed in the right direction despite the heavy losses.

Carl Chrabascz, a bulky 6-8 junior, should increase both his scoring (9.1 ppg) and rebounding totals (5.2). Chrabascz, the team's leading rebounder, will team with 6-10 junior Bill Pollock (3.0/2.0) and 6-11 sophomore center Jim Newcomer (4.4/2.6) to give the Lions a tall and beefy frontline. Mike Peapos, a 6-8 sophomore who averaged 4.3 points and 2.9 boards, might crack the starting lineup.

The new backcourt will be run by 6-1 sophomore guard Tony Ward (8.3 ppg), who had 106 assists last year to become only the second freshman ever at Penn State to dish out over 100

assists. Paul Murphy (4.5), a 6-3 junior, will probably start alongside Ward.

Parkhill is hoping that a highly touted crew of freshmen will be ready to play. He is counting on forwards Bruce Blake, Ed Fogell and Tom Hovasse, and guards Brian Allen and Mike Collins. GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If what's up front really counts most, the Nittany Lions might be respectable. The backcourt is a huge questionmark that could turn into an exclamation point by the end of the season. This is a young team that will get better in March than it was in December, so don't be surprised if State wins at least 10 games this season.

### East Coast Conf.

### Lehigh (12-19)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average

Lehigh orchestrated its version of the "Impossible Dream" last year, engineering one of the most remarkable stories in the world of college basketball. The downtrodden Engineers, losers of eight of their last nine games in the regular season, swept through the East Coast Conference with three upsets and suddenly found themselves face-to-face with mighty Georgetown in the NCAA Tournament.

It was the classic David versus Goliath tale. So what if Lehigh, the little school from Bethlehem, Pa., fell by 25 points. They actually outscored Georgetown in the second half and when the game was over they jumped up and down on the sideline like a winner. That exhiliarating experience should be enough to make Lehigh a better team in '85-'86.

With almost the entire team returning, Lehigh will no longer be little David in the ECC. Tom Schneider's Engineers have gone from underdog to top dog in just one year. They feature the most spectacular player in the conference, Daren Queenan, an electrifying 6-5 soph who averaged 18.2 points per game last year to rank second in the nation in NCAA Division I scoring by a freshman. Kenny Battle of Northern Illinois topped the rookies with 20.1.

The versatile Queenan led the Engineers with 8.3 boards a game and was the ECC Freshman of the Year and a first-team All-league selection. Not bad for a rookie who came out of high school as just an ordinary prospect without fanfare.

Mike Polaha, a skinny 6-1 junior, can really light up the nets from long distance. The best pure shooter in the ECC, Polaha was among the conference leaders in scoring (15.6), assists (3.9), field goal percentage (.514) and free throw percentage (.844). Polaha, second-team All-ECC, was the ECC tournament's most valuable player, averaging 20.7 points. It was his 15-footer with eight seconds left that propelled Lehigh past Bucknell and into the NCAA Tournament.

Schneider will have three more players with a lot of starting experience—6-4 senior Mike Androlewicz (5.1/1.3), 6-1 junior guard Ken Greene (6.7/1.6) and 6-7 junior center Don Henderson (4.2/2.2).

The Engineers, who lack quality reserves at guard, may turn to 6-1 freshman Mike Power and 6-3 frosh Renny Abrams. Power averaged 19 points and seven assists at Philadelphia's North Catholic High School and was chosen All-Catholic League. Abrams netted an impressive 33 points and nine rebounds per game at Dover Plains (NY) High School.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Two years ago, the Engineers won only four games and were dead last in the East Coast Conference. Last year, they were 12-19 and reached the NCAAs. This year, they should finally crack the .500 barrier. Rather, they should shatter it. With Polaha and Queenan leading the parade, Lehigh has turned into the team to beat in the ECC. Only the lack of a proven center and overall height will keep the Engineers from running away and hiding with the league championship.

### Bucknell (19-10)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Bucknell's basketball program can be divided into two stages—before Charlie Woollum and after Charlie Woollum.

Prior to Woollum's arrival, Bucknell had produced only five winning seasons in the previous 10 years. In the nine years

since Woollum has had the job, the Bisons have set school victory records three times and have won 153 games, making him the winningest coach in the school's history.

The Bisons have put a string of three straight above .500 years together and have been the ECC regular season champion the past two years. Despite the fact that three starters and two top reserves are back from last year's 19-10 club, Woollum is calling '85-'86 a rebuilding year. It's the kind of rebuilding that most coaches would love to do.

Point guard Chris Seneca, a clever 5-10 junior, will be counted on to do even more this year than in '84-'85, when he came just two short of the Bucknell record for assists in a season with 165. Seneca blossomed into one of the top point guards in the league and should improve his 11.8 scoring average.

The other returning starters are along the frontline. Steve Schrader (7.2/4.6) was the team's "Big man" last year, while 6-5 junior swingman Mark Allsteadt (9.3/3.4) is a shooting threat from inside 20 feet.

The frontrunners for the other two starting berths appear to be 6-4 soph forward Mark Atkinson (9.7/4.6) and 6-3 Junior guard Garth Forsyth (4.5/1.7). Forsyth slumped last season and will be expected to add more firepower from his second-guard slot, the position which has produced the team's top scorer the past seven years.

Other veterans expected to contribute are 5-11 senior Mark Lezanic (1.6/0.6), 6-5 junior Steve Beecy (1.6/0.6) and 6-7 redshirt John Watson, who missed last year with a knee injury. The crop of newcomers is considered one of the school's best ever, featuring 6-0 guard Ted Aceto, a 26.4 scorer for Radnor High School, and 6-5 Bud Albee, All-Baltimore County first team. For size, the Bisons look up to 6-9 freshman Mike Butts.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Charlie Woollum's teams have been tagged the "Breakin' Bisons" because they love that fastbreak. They will have a capable floor-leader in Chris Seneca to keep things moving. But they will have to find some reliable scoring and more power underneath to seriously challenge for the ECC title.

### Delaware (12-16)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Average

Coach Steve Steinwedel went with a lot of young players last year and the Blue Hens paid the price. But those youngsters now are experienced veterans, which means the Blue hens are ready to do some paying back in '85-'86.

With the entire starting unit intact, the Blue Hens are ready to seriously challenge for the ECC crown. Leading the charge will by 6-3 senior swingman Oscar Jones (16.9/4.7), the second leading scorer in the league last year and second-team All-ECC. The man whose main job was to get the ball to Jones was Taurence Chisholm, a remarkable 5-8 soph guard who was the ace of the backcourt in '84-'85, when he set a school assist record by averaging eight a game, second best in the league. When the quick-silver little guard wasn't dishing out assists, he found time to register 7.8 points per contest and was on the All-Rookie team.

Joining Chisholm in the backcourt will be Brad Heckert (7.8/1.6), a steady 6-1 junior. The Blue hens have a pair of agile leapers up front—6-6 senior John Weber (12.6/7.9), who shares his time at center, and 6-5 soph Barry Berger (10.9/7.1).

Returning veterans who provided depth last year are 6-9 junior center Philip Carr (1.1/0.8) and 5-10 senior Michael Wright (1.6/0.4). The best of the newcomers appears to be George Dragonetti, a 6-6 forward who averaged 21.2 points and

13 rebounds at Mendham (NJ) High School: Also expected to contribute are 5-11 junior guard Donald Hutton, a transfer from Oregon; 6-3 freshman guard Calvin Fowler; 6-3 freshman guard Mic Johns; and 6-8 freshman forward Jay McGinnis.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Blue Hens have what it takes to go all the way in the ECC. They should be better with a year of seasoning and will be expected to soar over the .500 mark. The only drawback is the lack of height up front. If they get their share of rebounds, the Blue Hens will be formidable.

### **Drexel** (10-18)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average

Without a starter over 6-4 and with an inexperienced young squad, Coach Eddie Burke managed to guide Drexel's Dragons to a tie for second place in the East Coast Conference, the best league finish in the school's history.

No wonder Drexel's fans are anxiously looking forward to the '85-'86 campaign. Throw in a recruiting class that is tall and talented and it's easy to see why Burke is wearing a big

smile these days.

The player who brings the biggest smile to Burke's face is 5-11 soph point guard Michael Anderson, who broke six school records for rookies and was selected to the ECC's all-conference second team and all-freshman squad. All Anderson did in his first season was lead Drexel in scoring (14.0), assists (4.9), and steals (3.0) and be the second-leading rebounder (5.3). The sky is the future for this talented young guard.

For senior leadership, the Dragons have 6-2 swingman Walter Fuller (12.5/3.2) and 5-11 guard Chris O'Brien, a steady performer with averages of 10.6 points, 4.1 assists and 2.5 steals last year. Both Fuller and O'Brien are tenacious defenders. The fourth returning starter is 6-4 Casper Cooper, who averaged 9.8 points and 6.9 rebounds per contest despite

giving away inches to opposing centers.

Three juniors saw plenty of action last year and could be ready to help even more in '85-'86-6-6 Pat Rafferty (2.6/2.1), 6-0

Troy Stribling (6.0/1.1) and 6-6 Rick Papes (0.8/1.5).

The freshman class, touted as one of the school's finest ever, includes 6-8 Mike Staveski, an all-stater from Connecticut and the Bridgeport Player of the Year; 6-7 John Rankin; 6-6 Jim Parker; and 6-5 Chris Arizin, the son of former NBA Hall of famer Paul Arizin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Dragons are breathing fire. They smelled success last year and now they have a taste for winning. Reaching the .500 level is a legitimate hope, but unless the young big men make immediate contributions the Dragons will fall short in reaching the top of the ECC standings.

### Hofstra (14-15)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Average

A pessimist might say that Richard Berg's Dutchmen are in serious trouble because they lost their leading scorer, the leading rebounder in the East Coast Conference, and the nation's assist leader.

But an optimist would say the Dutchmen will be okay because they return a pair of god ones in 6-6 senior swingman Luke Murphy and 6-1 junior guard Leroy Allen plus an influx of talented recruits.

Murphy, who averaged 12.8 points and 3.8 rebounds, is the only returning starter up front. The other forward position, vacated by the loss of leading scorer Tom Schreyer, is up for grabs. The candidates for the job are 6-7 soph Willie Brown (4.8/3.7), the sixth man last year and the top shot-blocker with 32 rejections, and red-shirts 6-7 Charles Minor and 6-6 Ron Miner. Minor, who averaged 7.1 points and 3.9 rebounds two years ago as a part-time starter, missed all of last season with an ankle injury.

Also looking for starting roles this year will be veterans Chris Schaefer, Frank Martin, Jon Yarger and Joe Harclerode.

Steve Rebholz, a 6-8 junior transfer from Farmingdale Community College, has the inside track to replace the graduated Myles McPartland, the leading rebounder in the ECC in '84-'85. The 225-pound Rebholz is a physical player who led the

nation's junior colleges in field goal percentage (72.0) while averaging 11 points and nine rebounds. Freshman Gerald King, an All-Brooklyn pick from Fort Hamilton High School,

will join the battle up front.

The key to Hofstra's season could be in the backcourt, where Allen, who averaged 13 points sand paced the ECC with 3.28 thefts a game, will have more responsibility with the departure of Robble Weingard, the nation's top assister last year. Junior guard Greg Arnold was a part-time starter last year, averaging 4.6 points a game. Freshman point guard Frank Walker will get a shot to fill Weingard's shoes. An exceptionally quick playmaker, Walker averaged 15 points, six assists and four steals at Christ the King High School and was an All-Queens selection.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Richard Berg must find the right combinations as he mixes the veterans with the newcomers. The Dutchmen have enough returning firepower to remain competitive, but it will be up to the new people to push them in-

to contention for the first division.

### Lafayette (15-13)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average

Butch van Breda Kolff, a coach who has been a proven winner on all levels of basketball, brought a winner to Lafayette,

snapping a three-year streak below .500.

This year could prove to be quite a challenge for the veteran coach, who must find replacements for a pair of guys who scored over 1,000 points in their careers, Tony Duckett and Stan Morse. The Leopards, though, have a couple of scoring threats returning in 6-6 senior Gary Bennett and 6-2 junior Ron Reynolds.

Reynolds, a versatile performer who can play both guard and forward, averaged 11.4 points a game while Bennett averaged 10.5 points and 5.2 rebounds. Helping out on the boards will be 6.5 soph Billy Hughes, a late-bloomer who moved into the starting lineup near the end of the year and averaged 4.4 points and 3.5 bounds. The inside game would get a real boost if 6-11 junior center Steve Everson makes more of a contribution than he did last year, when he scored less than a point a game.

Reynolds is established at the "off-guard" slot, but the fight for the point position will be spirited with 6-1 soph Paul Staubi and 6-3 junior John Souder ready to accept the challenges

from the freshmen.

Pat Brogan and Joel Windsor should provide depth in the backcourt, while Kevin Davis, Otis Ellis and Scot Lewis could

help the frontline.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Butch van Breda Kolff, an advocate of pressure defense, plans to employ more fullcourt man-to-man to force the action. Without a big man to control the boards, the Leopards will try to generate their offense with a gambling defense. Graduation hurt the Leopards, who will be relegated to a second-division finish in '85-'86.

### Rider (14-15)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Average

John Carpenter has been the head coach at Rider a long time—19 seasons to be exact. He's won an awful lot of basket-ball games—256 to be exact.

The first 19 seasons may have been the easy ones for Carpenter, who faces a major rebuilding chore to resurrect the once-proud program. This is a team that needs just about a complete overhaul. The losses from last year are staggering—all-ECC players Jim Bolger and Derrick Lamar.

The lone bright spot for the Broncs was the emergence of Ed Titus as one of the budding stars of the future in the ECC. The 6-3 soph guard made an immediate impact by averaging 9.6 points and 3.5 rebounds. He was named to the league's All-Pookie squad

The big story at Rider may turn out to be 6-9 junior Jerome Nicholson, an improving pivotman who emerged last year as the top rejector in the ECC with 44 swats. A slender leaper, Nicholson scored at a 7.4 clip and grabbed 5.7 boards. He could become one of the league's better centers if he continues to show improvement and more consistency.

The Broncs are thin behind Nicholson and Titus, the only two players with any real experience. The other returning veterans expected to see playing time are 6-3 soph Kevin Castro (4.6/1.0), 6-1 senior Craig Hammer (2.5/0.5), 6-9 junior Pete Magee (1.9/1.8) and 6-1 soph guard Lee Nesmith (3.4/1.2).

Carpenter brought in a host of newcomers to add new blood to the program. The coaching staff is particularly high on 6-6 Steve Mickens, who averaged 19.5 points, eight rebounds and five blocked shots and was the Player of the Year in Passaic County (NY), and 6-6 Phillip Averbuck, who averaged 24 points and 10 rebounds at El Molino High School in California. The versatile Averbuck is the career leader at his high school in points (1,280), rebounds (716) and assists (732).

Also expected to help are Marshall Grier, a 6-6 soph transfer who scored seven points a game at Penn State two years ago; and 6-6 soph Ron Simpson, a transfer from Adelphi, where he averaged 18 points and eight rebounds as a freshman.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Rider is the mystery team in the East Coast Conference because the Broncs have so many new faces. This is a team that could be very good or very bad depending on how quickly and how well the newcomers produce.

### Towson St (7-21)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average

The Tigers took their lumps last year, and just about everybody is back. That's the good news and bad news in a nutshell.

Coach Terry Truax is confident his third year on the job will be an improvement over the first two, when Towson State staggered to marks of 10-19 and 7-21.

Again, the leader for the Tigers will be 6-2 junior guard Bill Leonard, a fine all-around player and a second-team All-ECC selection in '84-'85. Leonard paced the Tigers in scoring last year with 11.8 points a game and ranked seventh in the league in assists (4.33) and steals (1.93). The only other returning player who reached double-figure scoring last year is 6-8

senior Steffan Bunsavage (10.5/5.2).

The Tigers boast a pair of pretty fair shot-blockers in 6-9 senior center Greg McClinton (6.6/4.4), who ranked third in the league with 29 rejections, and 6-3 senior forward Kenny Gorham (5.8/3.4), the No. 5 swatter. The holdovers vying for starting roles will be 6-5 Michael Fink (5.8/1.8), who has the inside track to the spot alongside Leonard in the backcourt; 6-6 junior Roddy Kirk (8.0/4.9), 6-6 soph Gary Mullen (1.0/0.1) and 6-0 senior Mark Kauffman (0.9/0.3).

The two most promising freshmen appear to be 6-6 John Bays (24.7/9.2) from Richmond and 6-0 Ricky Byrd, who averag-

ed 19.5 points and six assists at Forestville, Md.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Towson State was the poorest defensive team in the ECC last year, allowing 73.5 points a game. The Tigers are not a physically strong group and the only above-average player on the squad is Leonard. Newcomers could help, but a second-division finish seems about right for the Tigers.

### M.A.A.C.

### lona (26-5)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Pat Kennedy has made winning an annual exercise at Iona, which has a winning percentage of .710 the past five years and has been to four straight post-season tournaments and back-to-back trips to the NCAA's. The Gaels, the defending champions of the MAAC, have been a program on the rise since Kennedy's arrival.

With only two starters returning from last year's 26-5 squad, the continuing move upward may be less sharp in '85-'86. lona's attack will center around 6-9 senior center Bob Coleman, a three-year starter who may be ready to emerge as one

of the premier big men in the East this year. Kennedy is confident that Coleman, who has been plagued by nagging injuries throughout his career, will pick up where he left off last year.

Coleman capped his season with a 14-point, 16-rebound effort in a 59-58 loss to Loyola (Chicago) in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. For the year, Coleman averaged 9.7 points and 5.8 rebounds. Backing up Coleman will be 6-9 soph Chris O'Gorman, a red-shirt in '84-'85, and 6-11 freshman Rich Kraemer, the tallest player in the MAAC.

The Gaels will have a new man running the show for the first time in four years. A trio of players will try to fill the gaping hole in the backcourt left by the graduation of four-year starter Rory Grimes. Chris Green, a 5-10 junior guard who averaged 2.5 points last year as Grimes' backup, will get first crack at the point. However, 5-11 freshman Glenn Grant, a 27-point scorer at Cardinal Spellman High School in the Bronx, will be a threat.

The "off-guard" will be manned by 6-2 soph Richie Simmonds (10.0/1.4), the MAAC co-rookie of the year who demonstrated strong moves to the basket to go with a fine jumper. Senior Eddie Harris, a long-range bomber who can put points on the board in a hurry, will shell Simmonds.

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Sophomore Jeff Wilder (2.4/2.2) is in the driver's seat for one forward spot. The stringy 6-7 Wilder pulled down 12 rebounds against St. Leo's and could be one of the big surprises this year. Playing alongside Wilder may be 6-6 soph John Kijonek, an all-around performer who scored at a 5.2 clip with 51 assists, 62 rebounds and 36 steals. Behind Wilder and Kijonek are junior Mike Zona and freshmen Chip Langdon and Nestor Payne.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coleman is a horse in the middle and the Gaels will ride him until he drops. Pat Kennedy has a lot of new faces to work into the lineup, which means the Gaels probably will take some time to jell. By the end of the season, lona should again be a force in the MAAC playoffs.

### Fairfield (11-17)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

The outlook calls for sunny days ahead at Fairfield, which has a bright young new head coach and an experienced team with all the starters back from last year.

It looks like an ideal situation for Mitch Buonaguro to step into. Fresh off the national championship season at Villanova, where he was Rollie Massimino's assistant the past eight seasons, Buonaguro is primed to bring the Stags their first winning season since '78-'79. And that's not just the optimism and foolishness of a first-year coach.

The most talented of the returning Stags is 6-3 senior guard Tony George, a deadly shooter and all-around performer who will be vying for All-America honors in '85-'86. George (18.4 ppg), who moved to small forward for the last 10 games of the season, is the fifth all-time Fairfield scorer and the second-leading returning scorer in the MAAC. But George is more than just a prolific scorer. Much more. He also snared 5.1 rebounds a game and led the Stags with 4.2 feeds. George is third on Fairfield's all-time assist list with 350.

Joining George in the backcourt will be either 6-2 junior A.J. Wynder (11.5 ppg), the team leader with 2.4 thefts per game, or 6-3 senior Tim O'Toole, who averaged 15.5 points over his last 15 games and has the bumps and bruises all over his body to prove why he's called "Mr. Hustle." Also certain to see some action are junior Ed Golden and freshman Troy Bradford.

One forward position will belong to 6-8, 230-pound junior Jeff Gromos (12.9/6.3), a bullish player in the paint area who also can move outside with his soft jumper. The other spot is up for grabs with 6-5 senior Pat Yerina (8.8/4.8) and 6-6 soph Aaron Brown (4.5/2.9), a MAAC All-Rookie member. Yerina, who has taken off a few pounds following a slump at the end of last season, has the inside track over the erratic Brown. The battle will also include 6-7 freshman Tom Squeri, a good perimeter shooter, 6-5 junior Chip Simenz, and 6-6 junior Jay Byrne, who sat out last year with a knee injury.

The center will probably be 6-11 soph Andy Woodtli, a defensive ace who transferred from the University of Arizona. Kevin McLeod, a 6-11 junior with promise, will provide depth at the pivet

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Mitch Buonaguro is a defense-

oriented coach whose first project will be to shore up the league's worst defense. Woodtli should be a big help in the middle because he is an excellent shot-blocker. Offensively, the Stags will be deliberate, trying to get the ball to George as much as possible. Championships seem to follow Buonaguro. who might add the MAAC title to his list.

### Fordham (19-12)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-2

Tom Penders' Rams seem to be stuck on the number 19, which isn't a bad number when you consider that's how many games they've won each of the last three seasons. And they've appeared in the championship game of the MAAC tourney all three times, winning the title in '82-'83.

The Rams have been a consistent winner with five straight seasons on the plus-side of .500 and a school-record five

straight appearances in the NIT.

However, the Rams are a little thin heading Into '85-'86, losing the top three scorers from last year's club. The only two returnees of note are 6-6 senior forward Don McCormick and 6-7 junior center Frank Williams. A three-year starter, McCormick has been a steady performer who will be expected to raise last year's averages of 9.6 points and 4.0 rebounds a game. Franks, a 230-pound battering ram around the boards. improved greatly at the end of last season and was selected as an NIT All-Star. During the regular season, he scored at a 5.9 clip and hauled in 5.8 rebounds a game. Penders will look to added offensive punch from 6-4 junior Donnie Jones and 6-5 junior Joe Franco.

The Rams are weak at point guard with a pair of seldomused holdovers expected to get first crack at the job, 5-9 junior

Eric Brooks (0.9/0.1) and 6-1 soph Carlos Dicenta.

The freshman class, considered by many the school's most talented in two decades, should make an immediate contribution with all three of the newcomers expected to play a role in the rebuilding-6-5 Joe Paterno, 6-7 Doug Bantum, and 6-7 Darryl Lucas

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Penders will have the Rams playing a more up-tempo style this year and will use as many as 10 players during the game. However, the Rams don't have 10 proven talents, which is why they won't maintain their 19-win pace in '85-'86. They aren't very big up front and they lack experience and leadership in the backcourt.

### St. Peter's (15-14)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-2

The Peacocks have been strutting tall with six straight seasons on the plus side of the ledger, but the outlook for '85-'86 is far from rosy. Is Bob Dukiet worried? Not really, since he recently had his contract extended to 1990.

Dukiet is faced with the challenge of trying to replace the school's all-time leading scorer, Shelton Gibbs, and last year's scoring leader, Leonard Hayes. Throw in the loss of Norman Luckett and the Peacocks enter the '85-'86 season minus 70

percent of last year's offense.

The bulk of the attack will fall on the shoulders of 6-7 junior forward Daren Rowe, a 7.1 scorer and the top rebounder a year ago with 6.1 per game. The other holdovers expected to play bigger roles this year are 6-1 senior Kevin Boyle (4.5 ppg), who dished off a team-high 110 assists in '84-'85, and 6-7 senior Larry Clark, a late-season starter who rounded into shape the final couple weeks after shaking off a back injury. He blocked 21 shots to establish himself as a force to reckon with in the paint.

Dukiet is looking for help from 6-9 junior Derrick Howell, a transfer from Cleveland State who should help the Peacocks off the boards and on defense. Jeff Usher, a 6-7 junior, will add some added offensive power, and 6-7 soph center Alex Roberts could move into a starting role after missing most of last season with grade problems. A pair of sophs, 5-11 Eddie Brown (4.7 ppg) and 6-4 Larry Jones (2.0), will also get a chance to

show what they can do.

The freshmen class comes in with impressive credentials and all of the newcomers could play an immediate role in the rebuilding process-6-0 Willie Hayes, 6-7 Phil Morrison, 6-5 Kenny Parker, and 6-2 Tommy Berry.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: St. Peter's doesn't have a prayer to equal its record of past years because the Peacocks simply don't have the manpower. They don't know where the scoring will come from, and the youngsters are going to take time to adjust to life in the fast college lane. All told, this doesn't look like a good year for the Peacocks.

### Manhattan (8-20)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—3

They better nail down the seats and bar the doors of Draddy Gym this winter because Tom Sullivan's band of hustlin', shooting' and runnin' Jaspers are coming to town. These won't be the same ploddin' Jaspers who played there the past cou-

ple of years.

Straight from New Hampshire, where his teams ranked nationally in scoring, Sullivan promises a new look and definitely more points on the scoreboard at Manhattan. Although the Jaspers were hit hard by graduation, including all-time career scoring leader Tim Cain, Sullivan is confident he'll get the pro-

gram jumping in a hurry.

The Jaspers will look to junior guard Ed Lawson, the team's playmaker and floor leader, to keep them moving. The 6-1 Lawson was the second leading scorer last year at 9.3 per game and dished out 125 assists, fourth best in the MAAC. Battling for starting jobs in the backcourt will be 6-2 senior Steve Klemick (1.8/0.3) and a pair of newcomers, 6-2 freshman Antoine Owens and 6-4 soph Jamil Adams, a transfer from St. Anselm's College.

Up front, Sullivan can turn to 6-5 senior forward Maurice Williams and 6-4 senior forward Tom Chance. Williams overcame an early-season slump in '84-'85 to climb to 7.3 points a game, but his rebounding dipped to 2.5, down from 7.5 in '83-'84. Chance, a great leaper who plays much taller than 6-4, rebounded from a leg injury to emerge as a force with 7.7 points and 4.4 boards per contest. Sullivan's faster paced game should benefit Chance, who has explosive speed and strength. Also looking for minutes will be 6-7 senior Luke Johnson (2.9/0.8), 6-8 junior Chris Schiano (1.7/1.3) and seldomused 6-10 junior Sean Hall (0.0/0.2).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Jaspers are moving forward at a quick pace, but it's unlikely that Sullivan can turn the program around in his first season. A lot of pieces must fall into place if they are to improve last year's 7th place showing in the MAAC. A lack of height and scoring punch underneath will hurt the Jaspers, so it says here that Manhattan will again

finish on the down side of .500.

### Holy Cross (9-19)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule-Above Avg.

The Crusaders turned a season of turmoil into a season of hope last year as Coach George Blaney managed to keep his club competitive despite a racially-oriented walk-out at midseason. The well-publicized defections seemed to bring the other players together, explaining the respectable 5-5 mark down the stretch.

With the problems behind them, the Crusaders, coming off consecutive losing seasons, look to '85-'86 with optimism. The return of 6-1 senior guard Jim McCaffrey is the reason for the good feelings. The All-America candidate blossomed into a prolific scorer last year, averaging 21.6 points a game. The highlight was McCaffrey's incredible "one-man show" against lona, when he scored 46 points and handed out 15 assists in a 102-85 upset.

McCaffrey, who is being compared to all the former Holy Cross greats, will be joined in the backcourt by 6-4 senior Brian Reale, a tough competitor who averaged 14.5 points and 4.7 rebounds per contest. The veteran guards will be backed up by a pair of future stars, 6-5 Greg Martucci and 5-11 Glenn Williams.

The Crusaders are high on 6-7 soph Billy Meyer, whose first year was destroyed by an eye injury that required a patch and severly hindered his shooting ability. A tough defender and a good shooter, Meyer (1.3/0.9) should push a few people for playing time. Glenn "Scooter" Tropf, a 6-7 freshman with multitalents, should also be in the thick of the hunt for playing time.

Up front, Holy Cross returns 6-5 Dennis Ahern (6.9/3.3), a

solid defender who has not fulfilled his offensive potential that he showed in high school when he averaged 32 points a game as a senior. Part-time starter and a member of the MAC All-Rookie team, 6-7 Paul Durkee is expected to better his 6.9 scoring average.

Blaney's recruiting class will be heard on the frontline. A "can't-miss" tag has been put on 6-9 freshman Grant Evans, a big man with a soft shooting touch and a knack for the basket. Big things are expected of Evans—in a hurry. Other newcomers with impressive resumes are 6-8 Chris Fedina, 6-7

Eldridge Carter and 6-8 Joe Viviano.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Crusaders survived last year's adversity and should reap the benefits in '85-'86. Better rebounding and increased depth will make McCaffrey's job that much easier. George Blaney's club will be vastly improved, but they may not be ready to challenge for honors this year. Holy Cross appears to be a year away from being a tournament team, but they could hit the .500 plateau this season.

### LaSalle (15-13)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Lefty Ervin has been doing a lot right since he became LaSalle's head coach seven years ago. The Explorers have been on the bright side of .500 in each of those seasons and have been an annual contender for the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title and supremacy of Philadelphia's Big Five.

The past decade has been good to the Explorers, leaving their fans with a lot of fond memories. And that's about all those fans will have to hold on to during the '85-'86 campaign because LaSalle appears destined to fall back to the rest of

the pack.

Graduation took a heavy toll on the Explorers, who lost All-MAAC performers Steve Black and Ralph Lewis, the third and fourth all-time career scorers at LaSalle, respectively. Added up, the Explorers lost nearly 4,000 points from the lineup.

Ervin will rely on a pair of veterans to keep the Explorers headed in the right direction, 6-4 senior Chip Greenberg (9.3/3.7), the team leader with 118 assists last year, and 6-8 junior forward Larry Koretz (10.6/5.3). After those two come a lot of players with little experience on the college level. The brightest holdover is 6-4 soph swingman Tim Legler (5.9/2.8), a member of the MAAC All-Rookie team.

The leading candidate to win a starting job alongside Greenberg in the backcourt is 6-0 soph Rich Tarr, who flashed signs of his potential by averaging 4.4 points per outing in '84-'85. Also competing for jobs at guard will be 6-2 senior Gary Jones, a red-shirt last year with a knee injury, 5-9 junior Mike Boligitz, 5-8 soph Terence Jackson and 6-2 freshman Leonard Robinson.

The situation up front is muddled because Koretz is the only returnee assured of a job. Battling for playing time will be 6-7 soph Eric Lee (2.8/1.7), 6-8 junior Victor Moran (0.9/0.5), 6-7 soph Ken Palczewski (0.4/0.4) and 6-6 freshman Craig Conlin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Explorers are in a rebuilding stage that will be costly. Lefty Ervin doesn't have much to work with for the first time since his arrival. There isn't much height up front or firepower anywhere, so don't look for the Explorers to be a first-division club this year in the MAAC.

### Army (16-13)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Above Avg.

Some nice things happened to the Army cage program a year ago — first winning season since '79, third place finish in the MAAC, nine-game win streak, coach of the year honors for Les Wothke, etc. etc. The loss of three starters, including the MAAC's "player of the year," however, makes the prospect of duplicating those successes a poor bet at best.

The big void in the backcourt is created by the loss of league MVP Randy Cozzens, who not only led the conference in scoring (23.5), but was also the Cadet trendsetter in rebounds, assists, steals and free throw percentage. Wothke does welcome the return of backcourter 6-0 junior Kevin Houston, an all-league second teamer who netted 15.1 points an outing with 101 assists. Lettermen 6-0 junior Darren Blackwell and 5-10 Jack McGuinness are back, but neither has much game

experience. That means 6-0 soph John Schwab will probably open at the other guard after having spent last winter on the Army JV squad. Also a possibility is 6-1 plebe Ryan Castleman, an Arkansas all-stater.

Coach Wothke may be forced to go with a one guard attack in hopes of getting some more size in a lineup that will be notably lacking that asset. Senior co-captains 6-7 Mark Michaelson (3.0/3.3) and 6-2 Mike Ellis (2.2/1.3) are potential up front starters, as is 6-3 junior Ron Steptoe (5.3/4.1), who came on strong after earning a starting job in the second half of last winter. Junior 6-6 Mike Yeager (2.7/2.0) had some good games off the bench last season, while little-used 6-7 soph Scott King and 6-5 junior Chris Moss are also possibilities. With things being up in the air as they are, Wothke will also give incoming frosh 6-3 Mike Francomb, 6-6 Shawn Genal and 6-4 David Harris a chance to earn their stripes.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Graduation dug some deep holes in the Cadet hardwood program, but Les Wothke is the optimistic type who feels the newcomers will do the job. We don't want to throw cold water on his parade, but his shot at making it two straight winning seasons rank right up there with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's chances at riding the next Ken-

tucky Derby winner!

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### Navy (26-6)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Navy has a new aircraft carrier in its fleet—the U.S.S. David Robinson, a 6-11 junior who has been the center of one of the most remarkable stories in the world of college basketball.

Robinson, who entered Navy as a skinny, unknown 6-6 forward, has blossomed into one of the nation's premier big men. The lanky junior was the only player in the country last year to shoot 60 percent from the floor while averaging over 20 points (23.6) and 10 rebounds (11.6) a game. He set school records for points in a season (756), 30-point games (8), field goal percentage (64.8), and blocked shots (128).

Led by Robinson's heroics, the Middies capped the school's most successful season ever with a stunning 78-55 blowout of highly touted LSU in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament. Navy has posted back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time at any service academy and the trip to the NCAAs was the first for the Middies since 1960.

The numbers have been impressive under the coaching of Paul Evans, one of the nation's bright young mentors. Navy's record in five years under Evans is 89-55 and the Middies have beaten rival Army five straight times, something a Navy team has never before accomplished.

As good as Navy was last year, the Middles could be even better in '85-'86 with all the starters back plus the influx of one of the school's best recruiting campaigns. Navy features a powerful frontline with 6-7 senior Vernon Butler (18.4/9.1) joining Robinson. A three-year starter, Butler is a two-time ECAC South All-league selection and is the school's all-time rebounder (865) and third leading career scorer (1,395).

Filling out the front court is swingman Kylor Whitaker, a 6-6 senior who averaged 13.6 points, 4.0 rebounds and 5.3 assists a game. The backcourt is in the capable hands of 6-4 soph Cliff Rees (8.8/1.6) and 6-1 junior guard Doug Wojcik (4.1 ppg), a clever playmaker whose 229 assists ranked 11th nationally and was a school record.

Evans should be able to call on his bench for help with holdovers 6-6 junior Carl Liebert (3.9/2.7), 6-7 senior Tony Wells (1.5/1.0) and 6-4 junior Kevin Coyne (3.4/2.1) in reserve. The Middies also have a trio of fine recruits with excellent credentials in 6-6 Derrick Turner, 6-7 Nathan Bailey and 6-0 Neal Fenton.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Make no mistake about it, Navy has one of the power basketball programs in the East—maybe the country. Paul Evans has done a masterful job at Navy, which always plays a smart, aggressive game. They know how

to play and they execute as well as anybody. With Robinson leading the charge, Navy will again win at least 20 games and will be a force in the NCAA Tournament.

### Richmond (21-11)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Fresh from posting back-to-back 20-win seasons for the first time in 31 years, Dick Tarrant's Spiders will attempt this winter to become the first UR cage team to win at least 20 games in three straight outings. Despite the presence of four returning starters, however, UR will find a super tough schedule a major

obstacle toward reaching that goal.

Senior scoring sensation John Newman will again head the Spider attack. The 6-7 forward was an all-league choice a season ago on the strength of his 21.3 points a game average and 5.2 reebs a contest. He also came up with 48 steals and 22 blocks. The club's top rebounder from last winter, 6-5 senior forward John Davis (7.4/6.8), is also back in uniform. He complements Newman well with strong off-side rebounding and passing, getting credit for 90 feeds in '84-'85. Soph centerforward Peter Woolfolk was last year's ECAC South rookie of the year after the 6-5, 225-pounder netted 9.8 ppg and picked off an average of 6.0 rebounds. Ex-pivot starter 6-8 soph Steven Kratzer (4.6/2.9) is also available, as is 6-10 senior Lee Goss (1.9/1.3). Newcomers 6-7 freshmen Steve Floyd and Mike Wienicki should provide the Spider frontcourt with additional punch.

Senior 5-10 mighty mite Greg Beckwith is the team leader in the backcourt after shattering his own UR single season assist record with 189 a year ago. The top feeder in school history, Beckwith also had 50 steals and a 4.5 ppg scoring norm. Boston College transfer 6-3 Rodney Rice appears to be the leading candidate to fill the backline void created by the graduation of four-year starter and NBA draftee Kelvin Johnson. The only other Spider backcourter with game experience is 6-1 junior Joe Runk (1.2), meaning freshmen 6-1 Benjy Taylor and 6-2 Eric English should get some game action. English was last year's prep player of the season in North Carolina and scores in bunches. Also pushing for time in the backcourt or at small forward will be 6-4 frosh Gus Hill.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Spiders have a potent attack with the likes of John Newman on hand, but the key to UR continuing its brief 20-plus-win skein is how well the replacements for guard Kelvin Johnson shape up. It looks like Coach Tarrant has the potential to do it, so GAMEPLAN will give UR better than an even chance of making it to the 20-victory plateau again in '85-'86.

### George Mason (18-11)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

The Patriots promise to have a lot of house parties this winter when they move into their spanking new home, the 10,000-seat Patrick Center. They expect to field a team that will be worthy of its splendid surroundings.

This could be the year that the rest of the country finally finds out what an outstanding job Joe Harrington has been doing at George Mason. The Patriots are 39-18 the last two seasons and the winning should continue on a grand scale in

'85-'86.

With four starters and the top two reserves returning from last year plus a host of newcomers with impressive credentials, Harrington has assembled a potential Top 20 club. A pair of seniors and second-team All-Conference selections lead the way, 6-6 Rob Rose and 6-3 Ricky Wilson. Rose, an agile forward with nifty moves around the basket, scored at a 14.8 clip and climbed the boards for eight a game. The elusive Wilson averaged 12.7 points and dished out a team-high 152 assists.

The frontline will have a familiar look with 6-8 junior Mike Dufrene (3.7/4.0) and 6-7 senior Warren Green (1.5/2.5) manning two of the starting jobs. Coming off the bench will be 6-4 soph Brian Miller—Mr. Instant Offense—who found time to register 10.1 points a game, and 6-7 Vince McQueen (5.1/4.8), a brutish

rebounder.

The Patriots will be bolstered by junior college transfers 6-7 Ernest Glover, (11.1/12.2), 6-5 Darrin Mosley (16.4/7.5), and 6-7 Tracy Battle (14.2/9.1). Harrington is also glad to have Kenny Sanders back in a George Mason uniform. The 6-5 Sanders, who transferred to George Mason from Oklahoma, will be eligible in late December.

The coaching staff is excited about freshman Earl Moore, a 28.9 scorer for Cordoza High School in Washington D.C. who

could make some waves in the backcourt.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Watch out for these Patriots, who are a solid club that won't have to take a back seat to anyone in the CAA. They have what it takes to reach the 20-win plateau and be a contender for the league crown. Once the newcomers get their feet wet, the Patriots will make a big splash in the CAA.

### James Madison (14-14)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Bad year, fire coach, hire coach, rebuild. That's a familiar scenario when a coaching change is made, but it sure doesn't fit the facts as John Thurston takes over the helm of the JMU

Dukes for the '85-'86 campaign.

In fact, 10-year JMU assistant Thurston will inherit from predecessor Lou Campanelli the most experienced and most talented Dukes cage squad since JMU made its third straight NCAA tourney appearance in 1982-83. Headlining the list of returnees are 6-5 junior forward John Newman (12.6/6.0), 6-3 junior guard Eric Brent (8.9/2.9) and 6-2 soph backliner Robert Griffin (8.8/2.9/116 assists). Newman was JMU's MVP and a second team all-leaguer, while Griffin started each of the Dukes' 28 games as a frosh point guard. Brent recovered from early season injuries to become the team's most persistant perimeter performer.

Rounding out the frontline contingent are 6-10 senior center Eric Esch (5.7/3.4), 6-6 senior center-forward Todd Banks (4.0/1.8) and the flank duo of 6-6 junior George Kingland (5.4/1.8) and 6-7 soph Ramsey Yeatts (3.7/1.7). Kennard Winchester (3.3/1.0), a 6-7 soph, is also available, as are impressive junior transfers 6-7 Ken Schwartz and 6-6 David Monroe. Schwartz averaged 14.5 ppg and 6.5 rebounds as a two-year starter at Army, while Monroe's stats showed 12 points an outing and seven caroms a contest at Hutchinson JC.

Ready to fill in on the backline when needed are letter winners 5-8 soph Harold Harris (1.6), 6-3 junior Anthony Inge and

6-0 junior Kevin Sutton.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Dukes will see a change in style of play this year, as they convert from Coach Campanelli's defense-oriented concept to Coach Thurston's "up tempo" offensive game. The return of a solid corps of veterans plus the expected boost that transfers Schwartz and Monroe will give this club should jack JMU over the .500 mark and into a contending role in the CAA.

### East Carolina (7-21)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average

CAA opponents, who have taken liberties with East Carolina the past two years, better beware in '85-'86 because the Pirates are in a mutinous mood. And they plan to take no prisoners.

Charlie Harrison's Pirates have taken their lumps, losing 45 of their last 56 games. Those youngsters who suffered through all those indignities are now veterans and ready to bring some respectability back to the East Carolina basketball program.

To rebound from their losing ways, the Pirates must find a way to rebound better this year. They were killed off the boards in '84-'85. Back in the middle are 6-10 junior Leon Bass (7.8/5.0) and 7-0 Peter Dam (1.5/2.4). Bass was slowed last year by a stress fracture in his leg and Dam, an import from the Netherlands, was bounced around before he adjusted to the physical style of basketball played in America. A 20-point performance late in the campaign against George Mason gives hope that Dam may blossom this year.

The forwards seem to be in good shape with returnees 6-2 junior William Grady, whose 440 points was the most ever for a sophomore at George Mason, 6-9 junior Jack Turnbill (3.6/3.7), and 6-6 junior Derrick Battle (5.1/2.3). Transfer Marchell Henry and freshmen Manuel Jones and Al Clark will be insurance up

front.

The backcourt will be East Carolina's pride and joy with 6-1 senior Curt Vanderhorst (17.0/4.3) and 6-3 soph Herbie Dixon, who averaged 13.5 points and 6.2 assists in the Pirates' final 12 games. In four of those games, Dixon had double-figure assists, including 12 against Richmond, one shy of the school record. Behind the starters are 5-9 senior playmaker Scott Hardy and a pair of good-looking freshmen, John Williams and Jeff Kelly.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Pirates are a runnin' and gunnin' outfit that uses quickness to compensate for weak rebounding. The inside game is weak both offensively and defensively, but the perimeter people are excellent. A winning season won't be out of the question for the vastly improved

Pirates.

### American (9-19)

Starters Returning-3

Schedule-Above Avg.

Ed Tapscott, at 32 one of the nation's youngest head coaches, has nurtured his Eagles slowly and has put together a squad that pro-

mises to be competitive this year.

The long journey back to respectability will be led by 6-2 junior guard Frank Ross, last year's leading scorer at 14.7 points a game despite a thigh injury that sidelined him for nine games. The starting lineup will probably also include sophomores Mike Sampson, Eric White and Chuck West, a trio who stepped right in and got the job done in '84-'85.

The 5-10 Sampson, a clever little point guard, led the conference in steals with 60 and ranked second in the league with 184 assists. Sampson, who played 33.5 minutes a game to set a school record for freshmen, scored at an 8.5 clip. The powerful 6-6 White topped the Eagles with 5.9 bounds a game and averaged 9.7 points. West (8.3/2.5), a 6-2 swingman, was the team's second-best marksman with a

.522 percentage from the field.

The center position continues to concern the coaching staff. The incumbent is 6-7 soph Henry Hopkins, whose playing time and production slacked off at the end of the season. However, he led the team with 15 blocked shots and averaged 2.7 points and 2.3 rebounds. Challenging for time in the middle will be 6-8 soph Tom Scherer, 6-9 freshman Steve Rye, 6-5 soph Longmire Harrison, 6-4 junior Pat Morrisey and 6-6 freshman Terry Brent. Expected to help in the backcourt will be 6-0 junior Billy Stone, 6-4 freshman red-shirt Manual Nadal and 6-3 junior Pat Witting.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Eagles won't soar in '85-'86, but they may cause a little flap in the Colonial Athletic Association with a quick and experienced club that can get the ball up and down the floor. Unfortunately, they don't have the big people to clean the boards and clog up the middle on defense. Expect improvement and a couple more victories, but

don't expect a contender.

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### N Carolina-Wilmington (12-16)

Starters Returning—2

Schedule-Above Avg.

The Seahawks are strong up the middle — center and point guard — but Coach Mel Gibson will have to find players to fill the other positions if they are to make a move upward in the Colonial Athletic Association.

The cornerstone for the Seahawks is 6-10 junior center Brian Rowsom, a workhorse who averaged 18.4 points and 9.3 rebounds per game last year. The 215-pound pivot man reached double figures in scoring in every game in '84-'85. But the Seahawks came up short at the forwards, surrounding Rowsom with a variety of guys who all stood under 6-5.

To bolster the frontline, Gibson and his staff went out and recruited four players ranging from 6-6 to 6-8. The headliner of the group is 6-7 junior Ben Pittman, a transfer from Gulf Coast Junior College who could find himself in the starting lineup before too long. Competing for the other job at forward will be 6-6 freshman Greg Bender and 6-7 JUCO transfer Kevan Miles.

The backcourt is in good hands with senior point guard Bob-



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by Jo Springer, who averaged 12 points a game and topped the Seahawks with 102 assists. Newcomers who should contribute right away are 6-1 freshman Kenny Mickens and 6-0 junior Rob Wagner, a transfer from Florida Junior College.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If Gibson can come up with some support for Rowsom, the Seahawks could become a factor in the league. Rowsom is a good one, but he isn't a physical big man who can dominate a game by himself. Springer gets the job done at the point and the new people coming into the program could help point the Seahawks in the direction of the first division of the conference.

### William & Mary (16-12)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-1

Barry Parkhill, a 34-year-old coach with a promising future, will age considerably in '85-'86 with a young, inexperienced William & Mary squad that was decimated by graduation losses. After posting a 30-26 record his first two seasons at the helm, Parkhill faces a major rebuilding job.

Of the 66.5 points the Indians scored each game last year, 55.2 is gone. That doesn't leave much firepower left over.

What experience there is will be in the backcourt, which will be manned by 6-1 senior Scott Coval and 6-2 junior Scott Trimble. Coval, a steady if unspectacular performer, has been the team's top assist man the last two years and last year tied the school record by making 27 free throws without a miss. Coval will be counted on to boost his scoring average from 7.3, third highest on the team last year. Trimble, an inconsistent shooter last year, is a tough defender whose offensive skills have to pick up in '85-'86 if he expects to remain in the starting lineup. He scored just 2.2 points a game last year.

Up front, Parkhill will choose from 6-7 senior Mike Bracken (2.2/1.2), 6-10 junior Mark Boddy (1.6/1.7), 6-7 junior David Bond (1.4/0.4), 6-9 junior Bob Dail (0.9/1.0), 6-7 soph Tim Trout, who is coming off a knee injury, and 6-6 junior Mark Batzel (1.3/0.5).

The recruits who will get an opportunity to contribute are 6-5 swingman Greg Burzell, 6-7 Tom Bock and 6-8 Alex Schubert.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Indians won't bring back many scalps this year with a smallish team that lacks a proven scoring threat, either inside or outside. This promises to be a season Parkhill will want to forget. Facing a difficult schedule, William & Mary will be fortunate to win more than a handful of

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### Northeastern (22-9)

### Starters Returning-4

### Schedule-Above Avg.

All eyes will be focused on All-America candidate Reggie Lewis, a stringy 6-7 junior who dazzled folks with a phenomenal 24.1 points-pergame average, highest in the land for a soph. Lewis collected his share of hardware last year with the feature pieces being the ECAC Player of the Year and MVP during the conference playoffs.

Lewis, who led the Huskies to their second straight NCAA Tournament, is already the school's sixth all-time career scorer with 1,319 points. But Lewis isn't the only standout for Jim Calhoun, whose 13-year record at Northeastern is a stunning 224-132. The Huskies will be loaded for bear in '85-'86 with four starters back from last season's 22-9 squad.

Northeastern boasts a host of other talented juniors-6-3 Andre LaFleur, 6.5 Wes Fuller and 6.4 Enndy Basquiat. LaFleur, one of the premier point guards in the East, is 41 assists shy of breaking the school record (500). The second-team NAC selection can put it up when needed, averaging 7.5 points a game. Fuller loves to come of the bench and get things going. He likes to pound the boards and pulled down 4.9 per game last year in addition to scoring at a 6.1 rate. Basquiat was rolling along with a fine 11.3 scoring average before an injury in February knocked him out for the season.

The sophomore class isn't too shabby, either. John Williams, a hardnosed 6-2 guard, was Northeastern's top defensive player last year. Kevin McDuffie, a 6-8 bruiser, helped ignite the Huskies to a school-record 12 straight wins in '84-'85, averaging 10 points and seven re-bounds as the starter in the pivot. He earned NAC co-Rookie of the Year honors and should continue to give opponents problems under the boards. McDuffie will be challenged for the job at center by 6-8 junior Kevin Lee and 6-9 junior Gerry Corcoran.

Calhoun recruited another superb class, bringing in 6-7 freshman Ernie Hall, 6-0 freshman guard Melvin Bartee and 6-7 junior college transfer Sheldon Henriquez.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lewis alone would make Northeastern a contender, but Calhoun has gathered enough talent to make the Huskies the odds-on favorite to cop their third straight NAC title. The Huskies can strike from a lot of different areas and are tough to stop because they have so many weapons in the arsenal. Keep an eye on Lewis, the best kept secret in college basketball.

### Niagara (16-12)

### Starters Returning-4

### Schedule-Above Avg.

Andy Walker, the 18th coach in Niagara's history, inherits a wealth of talent from out-going coach Pete Lonergan. The 30-year-old Walker is no stranger to Niagara, having starred there in the mid-1970's to become the school's fourth all-time scorer.

The Purple Eagles should have no problems putting the ball in the basket in '85-'86 as long as 6-8 junior center Joe Arlauckas remains healthy. The beefy pivotman blossomed into one of the top big men in the East last year, when he averged 17.4 points and 8.5 rebounds to rank fourth in both categories in the NAC. Arlauckas, a second-team All-NAC

selection, averaged 2.4 blocks per game and tied a conference record with eight againt Northeastern.

Arlauckas has had the summer to regain the 25 pounds he lost because of a bout with a strep throat and a severe case of the flu that hospitalized him for six days in early January.

Niagara will have a potent combination up front with Arlauckas and 6-5 senior forward Joe Alexander, who came on strong at the end of last season to average 12.3 points and 5.5 rebounds. He shot a team-high 53.5 percent from the floor.

The backcourt is in good hands with returning starters senior Reed Watts (9.2 ppg) and junior Gary Bossert (6.5) and promising soph Juan Neal (5.8). The guard position will be bolstered by Alex Aguido, a transfer who scored 11.4 a game as a freshman at Penn State two years ago.

Two newcomers should help the frontline-6-6 freshman Mark Henry, who averaged 22 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots last year,

and 6-8 Tony Francis, who pulled down a whopping 16.5 rebounds a game at John F. Kennedy High School in the Bronx.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Niagara is 14 victories shy of the 1,000-win plateau. The Purple Eagles should get at least that many with the state of the stat in '85-'86. The Purple Eagles flirted with first place in '84-'85, and with better rebounding and more consistent play off the bench they could get that elusive title this year.

### Boston U (15-15)

### Starters Returning—4

### Schedule-Above Avg.

For the third time in the past four years, Boston University's Terriers will be breaking in a new coach. The revolving door opened last spring, when John Kuester moved on to George Washington.

Kuester was nice enough to leave the program in pretty fair shape for Mike Jarvis, who came to Boston U. from Latin High school across the Charles Rivers in Cambridge Ridge. Jarvis didn't exactly inherit scraps, either. The top two scorers and four leading rebounders return to form the nucleus of a solid club that has the potential to unseat Northeastern atop the NAC.

The only unsettled position for the Terriers is at point guard. Shawn Teague, the school's all-time assist leader, graduated and his backup, Jim Christian, transferred to Iona. The leading candidates to fill the opening are 6-2 soph Drederick Irving (6.4/1.4) and 6-0 freshman Tony. DaCosta. The "off-guard" will be manned by defensive specialist Dwayne Vinson (7.6/3.6), a 6-1 senior whose 47 thefts last year were second behind Teague. cond behind Teague.

The Terriers are well-stocked up front, led by 6-5 senior forward Paul Hendricks, the team's top scorer (16.0) and rebounder (8.2) in '84-'85. He will be surrounded by a couple of familiar faces, 6-8 senior center Tom livey (8.4/7.5), the top shot-blocker with 21 rejections, and 6-5 senior Mike Alexander (12.0/4.4), fourth on the school's scoring list with 1,679 points. The veterans on the frontline will be pushed by versatile 6-8 junior Peter Gabriele (2.6/2.7), 6-6 soph Mike Graybill (0.5/0.7) and 6-5 freshman Curtis Williams, a hot-shot recruit from Easton, Mass.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Mike Jarvis may be new to the college game, but that won't stop him from bringing home a winner in his first year. All Jarvis has to do is find a capable point quart to run the show.

year. All Jarvis has to do is find a capable point guard to run the show. At the other positions, the Terriers have a nice blend of experience and talent that should propel them near the top of the standings in the NAC.

#### Canisius (20-10)

Schedule-Above Avg Starters Returning —3

It was fun while it lasted, but Sugar Ray Hall, the splendid 6-5 swingman, is finally gone. His four-year span was the most productive in the history of the school as he became the all-time leading scorer and the Golden Griffins shared the league title last year with Northeastern for their best finish ever.

Canisius' 20 wins was the most since '56-'57 and it was only the se-cond 20-win season ever for the Golden Griffins. And their trip to the NIT was the first post-season tournament since 1963. In addition to Hall, Canisius lost 7-foot center Mike Smrek, the school's most dominant big

So what's left for '85-'86?

Coach Nick Macarchuk is asking that question. He welcomes back a capable backcourt with Michael Ray Jackson and Brian Smith. Jackson, a 6-1 junior, averaged 7.5 points and led the club in assists with 114, while Smith, the NAC's co-Rookie of the Year, scored 6.3 points per game, averaged 4.7 rebounds and 2.1 assists and topped the team in free throw percentage (87.3).

Up front, the Griffins will be bolstered by the return of 6-6 senior Tim Harvey, who sat out last year after suffering a pre-season knee injury that required surgery and later had an emergency appendectorny. Harvey managed to average 9.6 points a game in '83'84 despite being hampered by a back ailment. Also battling for jobs on the frontline will be 6-7 senior Lamont Gilbert, 6-8 junior Chris Heinold and 6-7 senior Der-

Grady Minnick, a 6-3 freshman guard and possibly the finest all-around athlete on the squad with an explosive and deadly jumper, was ineligible last year because of academic problems. This year's prime freshman catch appears to be 6-4 Jeff Taggert, an all-stater from Lackawanna (NY) who averaged 25 points and 11.9 rebounds as a senior.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The '85-'86 Griffins will have more people

involved in the offense without Hall and will field a faster and deeper squad than in recent years. However, they are weaker off the boards and aren't a good defensive team. The Griffins won't win as many games as they did last year.

#### Maine (11-17)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Black Bears, the team that could shoot straight in '84-'85, might shoot straight to the top of the NAC this year.

Maine shot 50.6 percent from the floot and 71.5 percent from the free throw line, but they didn't score enough points because of a rash of turnovers and a lack of rebounding. Both areas could be strengthened this

The three returning starters are point guard Jim Boylen (8.4/2.3), whose 119 feeds last year were second on the team, center Chip Bunker (4.4/4.6), and forward Rich Henry (14.1/8.2), who set a school record for field goal accuracy last year at 59.1. The frontline will be strengthened by the return of 6-10 red-shirt Todd Taylor, who will spell Bunker in the pivot. Battling for a job at forward will be 6-8, 240-pound Amadour "Coco" Barry, a member of the Senior National team of Senegal.

Boylen is the man who keeps Maine on the right course, but there promises to be a wild scramble for the job next to him. The leading candidates are 6-0 freshman Matt Rossignol, a 2,000-point scorer in high school, 6-3 soph T.J. Forester (8.8/2.2) and 6-4 Jeff Holmes, a transfer from Boston University with outstanding jumping ability and quickness.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Tom Chappelle's boys didn't handie the basketball with care last year, which explains much of the reason for the losing record. This time around, they have the offensive punch to win more than half their games and the rebounding should be improved with the newcomers helping out. Don't be surprised if Maine winds up in a tussle for the top spot of the NAC.

#### New Hampshire (7-22)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Average

With everyone back, the Wildcats can't help but improve upon last year's dismal showing. Gerry Friel is confident that the experience gained from last year's beatings will show up in added victories in '85-'86.

New Hampshire has 10 lettermen returning, led by 6-9 senior center Kirk Koopman (10.8/9.3), a mainstay in the starting lineup the past two seasons and the top board man in the ECAC North Atlantic Conference last year. Kirkman has the versatility to move to forward if 6-8 soph Keith Hinderlie (1.4/2.3) proves he can handle the job in the middle. Hinderlie's strength is defense, but his offensive skills need improvement if he's going to be a factor.

Greg Steele (9.9/5.1), a 6-7 junior who has started every game the past two seasons, is a steady performer and a sure-bet to start at one forward position. The other slot could go to 6-5 soph swingman James Best (11.5/2.5), a good shooter with the ability to get open for his shots. Also in the hunt will be 6-6 senior Ted DiGrande (3.7/2.9), 6-6 senior Ty Bridge (8.0/3.2), 6-7 senior Pat Galvin (2.5/2.1), and 6-7 red-shirt freshman Dave Marshall.

Friel has a lot of guards to choose from, but there isn't a true point guard in the group. However, there are a lot of dependable shooting



guards-6-2 senior Rodney Johnson (9.0/2.5), the leader in assists last year with 74; 6-1 senior Andy Johnston (6.6/1.1); and 6-3 junior Todd Black (4.5/1.7)

Two freshmen could provide backup help, 6-9 Brian Spano and 5-10 Derek Counts.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Gerry Friel will have a lot of flexibility with an experienced team, but finding the right combinations might be a problem. Without a proven playmaker, New Hampshire will continue to struggle. At best, the Wildcats can hope to break-even.

#### Colgate (5-21)

Schedule-Average

Starters Returning—5

Colgate's record last year could easily be brushed away as just another bad year, but that wouldn't tell the whole story. In this case the Red Raiders really weren't as bad as their 5-21 mark might indicate.

Coach Tony Relvas kept the team competitive, losing 11 games by eight points or less. The Red Raiders led the NAC in team defense for the third year in a row and they ranked third nationally, allowing opponents just 60.5 points an outing.

With 11 lettermen returning-including all five starters-Colgate's fans may not have to be so defensive about the team in '85-'86. The Red Raiders have some top-notch players coming back-6-6 junior Bob Bamford (14.2/4.8), 6-1 senior Tad Brown, 6-8 senior center Brad Crooks (6.2/4.4) and 5-11 junior guard Josh Farrell (7.5/2.8). Bamford was an NAC honorable mention selection last year, Brown led the team in steals (54) and Farrell holds Colgate's single-season assist record (115).

There should be a battle for playing time because the Red Raiders are loaded with veteran holdovers who are itching to move into the lineup. Expected to challenge for jobs are part-time starters 6-1 Dave Conforti (2.5/1.5), 5-11 Mike Boswell (2.9/1.6), 6-8 Tom Fanning (2.3/2.6) and 6-10 Kvarnmyr Anders (2.0/1.2). The top newcomers who could make an immediate impact are a pair of 6-6 freshmen forwards, John Duch and Jim

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After three straight losing years, the Red

Raiders could finally become respectable. They are tenacious on defense and run a controlled offense. There is no question that Colgate will be vastly improved in '85-'86, but a winning season may still be too much to ask for.

#### Vermont (9-19)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
When Matt Thompson packed his bags and returned home to West Germany after last season, he took Vermont's offense with him. Losing Thompson is like losing three players because the 6-6 forward led the Catamounts in three categories-scoring (15.3), rebounds (8.6) and

Coach Bill Whitmore has a lot of work to do in '85-'86 to keep Vermont from falling apart completely. The big question mark is the status of 6-2 senior point guard Howard Hudson, whose ailing back kept him out of 10 games last year. A healthy Hudson managed to average 10.9 points, 4.4 assists and a team-high 2.4 steals per game in '84-'85. There are a flock of contenders ready to join Hudson in the backcourt-junior Tim O'Shea, who missed last season with a broken ankle; 6-3 George Payne (2.6/1.1), 6-1 soph Rob Hamlin (2.6/0.8), and 6-3 junior Tamas Peredy. Freshman Art Flaherty's resume says he's a good ballhandler and great shooter and could make an impact right away.

The mainstay up front will be 6-6 junior forward Bill Brennan, who

scored 6.1 per game, pulled down 3.8 boards and topped the Cata-mounts in shooting from the floor (.554) and the foul line (.797). Vermont's outlook would be rosier if 6-5 senior John Simko has fully recovered from tendon damage in his shooting wrist. Despite being in-consistent, Simko clicked for 9.8 points and 5.2 reebs a game. The job of replacing Thompson will fall to a pair of seldom-used understudies, 6-9 soph Joe Calavita (2.3/3.2) and 6-6 junior Francis John (2.3/2.2).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The loss of Thompson will be felt deeply in '85-'86. The Catamounts are small and inexperienced up front and the

backcourt, which could be a strength, is questionable because of Hud-son's health. The winters are long in Vermont and the sledding will be tough for the Catamounts.

# E.C.A.C. Metro

#### Marist (17-12)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.
The accent at Marist is on youth—tall and foreign. Coach Matt Furjanic has traveled far and wide to find players. The Red Foxes, with no seniors and only one junior on the entire squad, are led by Rik Smits, a 7-3 sophomore from Holland who is the tallest player ever at Marist.

It took Smits a while to adjust to the American way of playing basketball, but once he learned his lessons he became the dominant force in the ECAC Metro Conference. Smits, the league's Rookie of the Year, averaged 11.1 points and 5.6 rebounds and was second in the league with 75 blocked shots. With Smits controlling the middle, the Red Foxes won the regular-season championship and posted their first winning record since becoming Division I six years ago.

The only other starter back is 6-0 sophomore Drafton Davis (6.0 ppg), whose 122 assists were second on the team and helped earn him a spot on the All-Rookie club. Top reserves who could break into the lineup in '85-'86 are 6-6 junior Mark Shamley (6.7/4.2) and Alain Forestier, a 6-6 soph from France who was hobbled most of the year after fracturing his ankle. A big plus for the Red Foxes would be the healthy return of Miroslav Pecarski, a 6-10 soph from Yugoslavia who broke his foot prior to the '84-'85 season and sat out the year.

The Red Foxes will be bolstered by the school's best recruiting class ever-7-0 Rudy Bougarel of Guadelupe, 6-7 Peter Krasovec of Hungary, 6-1 Carlton Wade, 6-4 Tim Beckwith, 6-7 Bob Francis and 6-3 Reggie McNeil. Also expected to contribute when he becomes eligible in late December is 6-2 junior McCants, a transfer from Idaho State.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Matt Furjanic has assembled the tallest team in the conference, possibly in the East. The Red Foxes play tough defense and rebound well, but the outside shooting is suspect. If they find a long-range threat to go with their powerful inside game, they will be unstoppable in the ECAC Metro Conference.

#### Fairleigh Dickinson (21-10)

Starters Returning-3 Schedule-Above Avg.

The Knights gained more national recognition and credibility in four-point loss to No. 2 ranked Michigan in the first round of the NCAA Tournament than they did by winning the ECAC Metro Conference Tourney. They made their first trip ever to the NCAA Tournament a memorable one.

The nucleus of that club is back, which explains why Coach Tom Green is "cautiously optimistic." Some coaches might be jumping with joy in the same situation, but Green is taking a low-profile approach to '85-'86. Three starters return from the '84-'85 squad that won more game than any other FDU team. But Green will be hardpressed to find a replacement for Larry Hampton, last year's leader in scoring, assists and steals

Green will turn to Gary Wilson, a wiry 6-7 senior, to trigger the attack. Wilson has to increase his scoring (9.8 ppg) and rebounding (5.8) if the Knights are to make a return trip to the NCAAs. The other veterans are 6-4 Ron Duncan (6.3/2.6) and 6-7 soph Damari Riddick (8.9/5.2). The Knights will miss Fred Collins, a 5-9 senior playmaker who is sitting out the season for "personal reasons.

Although he isn't listed as a starter, 6-6 soph Jaime Latney (11.0/6.1) proved to be a valuable sixth man last year when he was the league's runnerup in the Rookie of the Year voting. Lonnie Jackson, a 6-2 senior. started a handful of games last year and could challenge for more playing time. The Knights will count on a trio of transfers to provide depth—6-4 Kevin Horton (C.W. Post), 6-3 soph Kelvin Bigelow (Montgomery Junior College) and 5-10 junior Kevin Saulny (Tulane).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Tom Green's Knights will play an uptempo style, pushing the ball up the floor as quickly as possible. But where are the guards? That is the question Green must find an answer to when practice starts in the fall. The frontline is experienced and strong, but the backcourt is inexperienced. How quickly the newcomers fit in will determine how high Fairleigh Dickinson can finish in the ECAC Metro Conference.

#### Loyola College (16-14)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Average

Coach Mark Amatucci's Greyhounds have it all-almost. They have experience, quickness, good shooting, and steady ballhandling. They are missing only one ingredient. Height. The Greyhounds will again have to rely on their pressure defense and outside marksmanship to

compensate for a lack of rebounding.

The Greyhounds certainly know what they're doing on the court. All the starters are back from the team that lost to Fairleigh-Dickinson, 63-59, in overtime in last year's ECAC Metro Conference tournament. Directing the fast-paced show will be 6-0 junior guard Tom Gormley, a two-year starter who averaged 10.5 points and topped the Greyhounds with 91 asists and 58 steals. David Gately (14.7/3.6), a 6-3 junior, rebounded from early-season knee surgery to solidify the backcourt.

Senior captain Kevin Carter, a 6-5 bundle of strength, led all Loyola re-bounders in '84-'85 with 215 (7.2 per game) and scored 8.6 points a game. The other forward slot will be filled by 6-4 junior Aubrey Revely (7.6/3.6), a defensive specialist. Tommy Lee, a 6-5 junior, will anchor the middle. He led the team with 17 blocked shots last year and averaged 7.2 points

and 4.3 rebounds.

Other returning veterans include 5-7 junior James "Pop" Tubman, who is a capable point guard when called upon, 6-7 soph Brad Meyers, a streak shooter, and 6-5 soph Vernon Hill, a strong defensive player. Newcomers who could help are 6-3 point guard Mike Morrison and 6-7

forward Mark Kovinsky.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Loyola game plan is basic: 40 minutes of fullcourt defense and a fastbreaking attack. The Greyhounds can run at full throttle but they have some problems in a halfcourt game. Rebounding will be a weakness. The Greyhounds will be pesky and tough to handle, but they don't have the inside strength to go all the way in the ECAC Metro Conference.

#### Wagner (11-17)

Schedule-Average Starters Returning —3

Neil Kennert, entering his fourth season as head coach of the Seahawks, is looking for bigger and better things in '85-'86.

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The Seahawks are the only team in the ECAC Metro Conference to boast two first-team All-League performers in their lineup—6-2 junior Terrance Bailey and 6-6 senior Art Redmond. Bailey, the top returning scorer in the league at 20.2 points a game, is a versatile player who also contributed 3.9 rebounds and 5.8 assists per outing. Redmond, a great leaper with a deft shooting touch from in deep, scored at a 16.7 clip and pulled down an average of 6.4 boards.

But the numbers are stacked against Wagner, which has a few quality players but lacks the depth that it takes to become a consistent winner. The Seahawks present a solid first five with 6-7 senior Dave Smolka (8.1/5.8), 6-6 senior Kevin House (6.2/3.8) and 6-7 junior Largest Agbejemisin (5.1/5.9) joining Balley and Redmond. Kennert would like to see House return to the form that made him the league's Rookle of the Year

three years ago when he played at Loyola (MD).

Kennert, who is restricted because Wagner offers financial aid based on need rather than athletic scholarships, has only one recruit. He is 6-2

Barry Bookhard, the nephew of Julius Erving.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is an explosive team that can be dangerous with the top one-two punch in the league. However, the Seahawks are thin in reserves, which takes its toll at the end of games. They will again light up scoreboards with a high-powered offense, but will again come up shy more often than not when the final buzzer sounds.

#### Robert Morris (9-19)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

A new era is dawning at Robert Morris, where the Colonials will play Schedule-Above Avg.

their home games in a new campus facility. Jarrett Durham, entering his second year as the head coach, will field a brand new team.

On paper, the Colonials, who dipped below the .500 ledger in '84-'85 for the first time in four years, appear to have a veteran club returning. But at least two of the four starters probably won't be in the lineup when the Colonials open the '85-'86 campaign. There will be eight newcomers

ready to push their way past the veterans.

The top returnee is 6-8 senior Garth Wurstle (9.6/6.3), who came on like gangbusters in the second half of the season. He led the smallish Colonials with 25 blocked shots and seems ready to blossom as a tower of power this year. Mike Brunson (9.8/2.7), a 6-0 sophomore who topped the team with 93 assists and 48 steals, was All-Rookie last year and will again lead the show at point guard. The other starters, 6-3 senior Ken Williams (7.8/1.7) and 6-3 junior Mark McCloud (5.8/4.5), will have a battle to stay ahead of 6-7 freshman Anthony Dickens, an All-Stater from Erie St. Vincent, 6-4 junior transfer Ron Wimbush and 6-6 soph transfer Bryan

For depth, the Colonials have 6-5 soph Fred Cunningham (6.7/4.2), a part-time starter last year, 6-7 soph Donald Dudley (3.2/2.4) and 6-0 junior Robert Roach (2.2/0.6). A pair of tall, gangly red-shirts could also help—6.9 Dave Thomas and 6.8 Jim Shinsky. And Walt Wilmer, a 6.3 junior from Phoenix City Junior College, could become a factor by mid-

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: You'll need a scorecard to keep track of the Colonials. Jarrett Durham has a lot of bodies to choose from, so finding the right chemistry will determine whether the Colonials explode to a good season in their new home. Durham stresses defense and fun-damentals, but all the new faces may take time to mix in with the veterans. The blend, however, will produce more victories than last season.

#### St. Francis (NY) (7-21)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average
On the surface, last year's 7-21 looks like a disaster. But to Bob
Valvano, the bright and enthusiastic young coach of the Terriers, '84-'85 was a good beginning. The Terriers faded at the end of a lot of close games because they simply lacked the numbers.

Valvano's enthusiasm is contagious and he has the people at St. Valvano's enthusiasm is contagious and he has the people at St. Francis talking about basketball. And they're saying nice things, too. The Terriers haven't had a season above .500 since '78-'79. They could shock some unsuspecting foes in the league this season.

The starters who are back will have a hard time keeping their jobs away from what many considered the best recruiting class in the school's history. The Terriers should be stronger up front with the return

of 6-10 senior Julian McKelley, who sat out last season with a shin-splint fracture. The other returning veterans are 6-0 senior point guard Jim Paguaga (4.9 ppg, 91 assists), 6-3 junior Dickens Benoit (7 ppg), 6-6 senior Theo Graham (2.2 ppg) and 6-9 soph Magdi Ahamed (4.9 ppg). It is the newcomers who have everyone excited—Joe O'Neill, a 6-5

junior from Essex Community College and the MVP in the New Jersey region; 6-4 junior Donald Pugh sat out last season after averaging 23 points a game as a soph at Colgate; 6-6 freshman Darwin Purdi was the Player of the Year in Delaware; 6-0 point guard Rodney Henry; 6-0 Lem Brabham; and 6-3 Juan Jorge

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Bob Valvano has the Terriers hustling. They may hustle all the way up to the first division in the ECAC Metro Conference. They have talent but it is young, untested talent. If the Ter-

riers jell, they could finally crack that elusive .500 barrier.

#### Long Island (15-13)

tarters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.
The Blackbirds will find that life without Carey Scurry will be a lot dif-Starters Returning-1

ferent than life with the 6-9 center, the ECAC Metro Conference Player of the Year the past two seasons. Scurry has packed his bags and is off

to the NBA.

Paul Lizzo, entering his 11th season as head coach, is starting from scratch because the Blackbirds lost four starters who accounted for 75 percent of the team's scoring and rebounding in '84-'85. Andre "Sky" Ervin, a 6-2 senior guard who scored 15.8 a game, will be surrounded by a new crew in '85-'86. The only other returnee with experience is 5-11 junior guard Glenn Daniels, who averaged 3.8 points and had the best assist average on the team (4.1), tying an LIU individual game assist record of 16 against Robert Morris.

Hoping to earn starting jobs will be a flock of seldom-used players-6-6 soph Ted Chestnutt (3.1/1.9), 6-4 soph swingman Al Statia (2.3/1.5), 6-3 junior Stan Townes, who was red-shirted in '84-'85, and 6-2

senior guard John Johnson (1.8/1.8).

The Blackbirds strengthened themselves by landing 6-4 Tyrone Cunningham, a slick guard who averaged 22 points, seven rebounds, seven assists and five steals last season at Camden County College. Cunn-

ingham will be the cornerstone for Lizzo's rebuilding job.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Blackbirds have been flying high the last five years, going to the NCAA Tournament twice and the NIT once. But the winning will come to a sudden stop in '85'86 because the Blackbirds are too thin at too many positions. Not even Paul Lizzo will be able to put this team together.

#### St. Francis (PA) (9-19)

Starters Returning-1 Schedule-Above Avg.

Kevin Porter can be excused if he yearns for the good old days, the days when the Frankies produced winning basketball teams with stellar players like Maurice Stokes, Norm Van Lier and himself. It's been nearly 15 years since they were a factor in the East.

St. Francis hasn't had a winning season since '80-'81 and the losing ways should continue in '85-'86. The cupboard is bare for Porter, who has a 21-34 record in his first two years as the head coach. The Frankies will hand the basketball to Greg Jacobs and hope he finds someone who can put it in the basket.

Jacobs, a 5-11 junior point guard, paced the team last year with 101 assists. When he wasn't busy passing off the ball, he found time to hit for 11.3 ppg. He will be playing with an all-new supporting cast this year. The only returning veterans are 6-3 junior Adrian Walters (8.7/3.3) and 6-4

soph Dave Koskinen (3.0/1.4). A host of transfers should help the cause. Porter plucked a pair of good ones out of Allegheny Community College in 6-2 Norris Thompson (12 ppg) and 6-5 Lamont Harris (14.0/7.1). They should start along with Bob Gullickson, the brother of Montreal Expos pitcher Bill and a 6-5 forward from Brevard Junior College (Fla.).

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The Frankies will be weak at center, hoping that 6-9 freshman Jerry Mack or 6-7 freshman Keith Sayles fills the bill in a hurry. Another newcomer being counted on is 6-3 freshman Jeff Byrd.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Frankies couldn't stop anybody last year, allowing 76 points a game. They didn't play much defense in '84-'85 and the prospects don't look any brighter for '85-'86. This could be a I-o-n-g season for the undermanned and under-talented Frankies.

#### Monmouth (12-15)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule-Above Avg.

The Hawks picked the wrong year to become an official member of the ECAC Metro Conference. Last year would have been better because they featured two of the nation's premier players in Karl Towns, the fourth leading rebounder in the country at 12.3 per game, and Rich Pass,

the 35th highest scorer at 21.3

Without Towns and Pass, Coach Ron Kornegy's squad will really
Without Towns and Pass, Coach Ron Kornegy's squad will really struggle as it enters its third year competing on the Division I level. The Hawks play an ambitious schedule that would test even a veteran club. But they have only two starters back— Jarrett King (9.4 ppg), a 6-4 senior who broke a bone in his foot and played only eight games; and 6-3 senior Nathan McBride (12.9 ppg).

Monmouth has a trio of part-time starters in 6-7 soph William

McBroom (6.4/2.7), 6-4 soph Darry Rutley (5.2/2.1) and 6-8 soph Chris Van-Dinten (3.5/2.6).

Ken Henry, a 6-7 sophomore who transferred from Connecticut, should step right into the lineup when he becomes eligible at midseason. The Hawks will also look for help from freshmen Fernando Sanders, Michael Hart and Bill Ardis.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Their first year in the conference won't be a pleasant experience for the Hawks, who don't have the firepower to compete with the top teams. They have so many holes to fill that '85-'86 looks like a major reconstruction season. The cellar will be Monmouth's new home.

# Ivy League

#### Yale (14-12)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.
Yale will field a young but experienced team, a combination that
bodes well for '85-'86 as the Elis strive to win their first lvy League crown
in 25 years. With a starting lineup of four freshmen and a sophomore last year, Yale posted its first winning season since '80-'81 and a fourthplace finish in the league.

The veteran of Yale's kiddle corps is 6-10 junior Chris Dudley, an All-Ivy choice last year who could establish himself as the top center in the league this year. One of the most improved players in the lvies last year, Dudley led the league in rebounding (10.2) and blocked shots (51) while scoring 12.5 points a game. Dudley, though, will become even more valuable when he learns how to stay out of foul trouble. Yale could be blessed with two bonafide players at the pivot if 6-10 Ricky Ewing returns to school after taking a leave of absence in '84-'85.

The floor general in the backcourt will again be point guard Peter White, a 5-11 soph who averaged 9.6 points and dished out 139 assists to top the Ivy League. In 954 minutes, White turned the ball over only 74 times. Many of White's passes went to 6-7 soph Brian Fitzpatrick, the team's top scorer at 13.8 points a game. Sophomores Val Carlotti and

John Rice, a pair of defensive specialists, add depth at guard.

The forward spots will be filled by returning soph starters Brian
Kasbar and Matt Whitehead. The 6-7, 230-pound Kasbar (7.9/5.2) is a
muscleman around the hoops while the 6-2 Whitehead (8.6/2.2) is a good mid-range shooter and drives the baseline well. Others who will challenge for playing time are 6-8 junior Chad Ludington (2.0/2.5), 6-1 junior Ken Wheeler (6.4/3.4), 6-6 soph Paul Maley, who missed last season with a broken ankle, and 6-5 freshman Mike McMahon, who broken ankle, an ings impressive credentials from West Haven High School (26.0/17.0).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Elis have all the ingredients it takes to win a championship-experience, quickness, shooting and strength. They outrebounded opponents by seven a game last year. But they will have to shore up their defense, which ranked seventh in the Ivies in '84-'85. Another weak spot is poor foul shooting (.634), which cost the Elis dearly in several close losses last year.

#### Pennsylvania (13-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule-Above Avg.

Midway through last season, there were a lot of people connected with the University of Pennsylvania basketball program who wondered if Craig Littlepage was the right man to coach the Quakers. The team was floundering with a 2-9 record and the future appeared bleak. But the Quakers turned things around to win the Ivy League championship and make their 12th post-season appearance in the last 16 years.

Although Penn had its second straight losing season after 15 plus-500 years, Littlepage established himself as the head coach. Littlepage's job in '85-'86 will be to replace the backcourt without losing the momentum picked up from last year's second-half rally.

The Quakers are in good shape on the frontline with returning starters 6-2 junior Perry Bromwell (15.3/3.1), a first team All-Ivy choice; 6-8 junior Bruce Lefkowitz (10.2/7.0), the team's leading board man the past two years; and 6-5 junior Chris Elzey (10.2/3.3), the top long-range marksman on the squad. The starters won't be able to loaf because there are two players chafing to push them out of the lineup, 6-5 soph Phil Pitts (6.3/3.3), the best rookie in the Ivies by the end of the season, and 6-8 soph center Neil Bernstein (2.9/4.1), a great leaper who missed much of last season with an injury.

The backcourt is bare with the loss of Karl Racine and Anthony Ar-nolie, a duo that ran the team the past three years. Littlepage will probably try to fill Racine's spot at point guard with Bromwell or 5-10 junior Johnny Wilson (0.8 ppg). The second guard slot will likely go to either swingman Elzey or 6-5 junior Jeff Riebel, a transfer from Pacific who was a part-time starter for the Tigers.

Despite the number of veterans on the team, the newcomers may find some playing time. The top prospects are 6-6 Jon Stovall, 6-6 Kevin McGuire, and 6-2 Marshall Uzzle.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Craig Littlepage will have to reconstruct the backcourt, but there's enough talent up front to keep the Quakers

more than competitive in the lvy League. However, the rebounding could be suspect unless one of the youngsters comes in to do the job. Look for Penn to finish at or near the top of the Ivies once more.

#### Princeton (11-15)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.
Pete Carril's Princeton Tigers are renowned for two things—winning

basketball games and playing defense. Last year, they maintained their traditionally stingy defense, but for the first time in 18 seasons they lost more games than they won.

The Tigers got off to a slow start in '84-'85 and never completely recovered, although they railled down the stretch to challenge for the lvy League crown. They ranked second nationally in defense, allowing a paltry 55 points a game. However, they scored just 53.6 points per contest which explains why they wound up on the short end of the win-loss

Four of last year's starters are back, but Carril will have to find some scoring punch to pick up the slack left by the graduation of Howard Levy, the team's top scorer and rebounder last year. The top returning point-maker is 6-3 senior guard John Smyth, who managed to average 10.5 points as the team's "sixth man." A starter as a freshman and sophomore, Smyth is 191 points shy of becoming the 17th player in Princeton history to pass the 1,000-point plateau. Smyth will again come off the bench, spelling either 5-10 junior Joe Scott or 6-2 soph Dave Orlandini. Scott scored 8.5 points a contest and was the team leader with 60 assists and 40 thefts. Orlandini, the runnerup in the voting for the Ivy League's top rookie, averaged 7.7 points and shot over 50 percent from the field.

Adding depth to the backcourt will be 6-3 soph Mike Barnum, 6-0 soph Tim Neff and freshmen Brian Kennedy and Fred Beavers.

Carril is hoping to get more production out of his holdovers at forward—6-4 soph John Thompson (5.9/3.0), son of the Georgetown coach, and 6-7 junior Jay Bubniak (5.8/2.4). Also challenging for minutes will be 6-5 junior Aaron Belz (4.6/1.9), 6-3 junior Ted Gobillot (0.5/0.5), 6-6 junior Alan Williams (2.9/0.9) and newcomers 6-3 Bob Scrabis, an all-stater from New Jersey, 6-5 Jared Katz, 6-5 Broderick Johnson, and 6-4 Doug Bennert Doug Rennert.

The biggest concern for the Tigers is in the middle, where a pair of untested sophomores will get first crack at the job, 6-9 Peter Hadrovic and 6-7 Brent Miley. Joining the competition will be 6-9 Marc Ruschman. GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: On paper, the Tigers don't look very impressive. But Pete Carril's teams always look better on the court than they do on the stat sheet. However, not even Carril will be able to squeeze out an ivy championship this year without a center. The Tigers will be at their best on defense, as usual, but they don't have enough lirepower to win more than half of their games.

#### Cornell (14-12)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Tom Miller's biggest job this year is to find a way to replace center Ken Bantum, the school's all-time scorer and the Ivy League Player of the Year. The Big Red Machine posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since '86-'67-'68 and allowed opponents just 58.7 points a game for the best defensive scoring average in over 30 years.

Last year, Cornell also had two first-team All-lvy selections for the

first time ever—Bantum and John Bajusz.

Bajusz, a 6-1 junior guard, shot 60.7 percent from the floor—13th best nationally—as he scored at a 15.4 clip and dished out 51 assists. The point guard last year was 5-11 junior Derek Williams (3.6 ppg), the team leader with 82 assists. Two promising newcomers in the backcourt are expected to join the battle for playing time-6-1 Josh Wessel and 6-5 Mike Pascal.

The frontcourt will again be led by 6-4 senior Drew Martin (11.2/5.8) and 6-5 senior Len Palmer (5.7/4.4), a good passing forward who wound up second on the team with 82 assists. Expected to contribute more are veteran holdovers 6-6 junior Dean Kartsonis (3.9/1.9), 6-7 soph Mike Millane (1.7/1.0), 6-6 soph Wolfgang Florin (1.3/1.6) and 6-4 senior Eric

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Big Red won't be able to make up for the loss of Bantum, the league's most dominant player. Without Bantum, they will rely more on the perimeter game with the guards taking an active role. Comell's role in the Ivies may change from a contender to a spoiler, but a third straight winning season is definitely a possibility.

#### Columbia (13-13)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Average

After being overlooked by all the pundits prior to the start of last season, the Columbia Lions went on to post a surprising 9-5 record, good enough for second place in the hotly-contested by League. The man most responsible for Columbia's success was first-year head coach Wayne Szoke, who had inherited a seventh place team when he came to Columbia last fall. With virtually that same team on the court, Szoke led Columbia to their best finish in quite some time

The team's best player is 6-5 senior Tom Gwydir (10.9/6.0), who led the Lions in both scoring and rebounding last season. Gwydir's starting partner up front will probably be rugged 6-3 senior Paul Lee (1.7), a modest scorer who really works hard on defense. Expected to push Lee for starting duty are 6-2 senior Todd Williams (3.4) and 6-3 sophomore Chris Avignone, the star of last year's J.V. team. Also expected to supply depth up front are 6-6 sophomore Doug Woods, 6-4 soph Mark Pearson, 6-6 junior Rob Masterson and 6-5 incoming frosh Galen Sorrels.

Coach Szoke went with undersized 6-3 senior Mark Murphy (5.1) at the center spot most of last year, but as expected Murphy got killed by some of the league's taller centers. Seeing plenty of minutes in support of Murphy was 6-5 senior Walter Stewart (4.3), who often played the pivot when Murphy moved over to forward. Columbia is hoping that 6-7 junior Tony Madori (2.4) will step forward and claim the starting job at center, but he's been anything but impressive throughout his first two collegiate seasons. Other big men on the roster who hope to see time at center include 6-9 freshman John MacPhee and 6-8 sophomore Kurt

The situation at guard is quite settled with 6-1 junior Sean Couch (7.9) and 5-11 Junior Chip Adams (6.8) forming a solid starting backcourt. The Lions get outstanding production off the bench from 6-0 senior guard Mark Settles (10.2), one of the better outside shooters in the lvy League. Despite his non-regular status, Settles finished a close second on the team in scoring a year ago. Also in reserve at guard are 6-4 senior Kevin McIvor (2.4), 6-0 junior Randy Bessolo, 5-9 freshman Tony Chiles and 6-2

frosh Joe Campanella.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: "Sizing" up the personnel on this team, we're not quite sure how Coach Szoke got them to finish 9-5 in the league. Columbia is an incredibly small squad that might have an awful lot of trouble with teams like Yale and Penn. Yet, considering last year's success, it's pretty hard to write off the Columbia Lions in this year's chase for the conference title. We don't think they'll win it, but you can bet the Lions will be a factor in the wide-open lvy League race.

#### Harvard (15-9)

Starters Returning-3 Schedule—Average

The boys of Cambridge won't be the same now that they've lost the services of the No. 1 and No. 3 scorers in the school's history. Joe Carrabino, the Ivy league Player of the Year and the most prolific pointmaker ever at Harvard with 1,880 points, has packed his bags for a tryout in the NBA. Also gone is Bob Ferry, third in scoring with 1,331.

Frank McLaughlin, entering his ninth year as head coach at Harvard, faces the task of finding an offense in '85-'86. The Crimson will look for additional firepower from Arne Duncan, a 6-5 senior forward who registered 11.7 points and 5.3 rebounds a game last year. The rest of the positions on the frontline are open with the leading candidates being 6-8 soph Bill Mohler and 6-4 Kyle Dodson, a pair of veteran reserves in '84-'85. A trio of promising freshmen should join the battle, 6-7 Fred Schernecker from Madison, Wisc., 6-7 Todd Evers from Ridgewood, N.J., and 6-4 Neil Phillips from Washington, D.C.

The experience and stability can be found in the backcourt with the return of last year's starting duo, 5-10 senior Pat Smith (4.0/2.4), the team leader with 92 assists, and 5-11 junior Keith Webster (9.7/2.9), who had

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's no way to expect Frank McLaughlin to come up with enough points to keep the Crimson in the upper division of the Ivies. There are too many soft spots in the lineup and there isn't a proven big man in the middle. The newcomers will have to come of age and help out if the Crimson are to finish on the positive side of the ledger.

#### **Brown** (9-18)

Schedule-Average Starters Returning—3

It was a bear of a season for Brown's Bruins a year ago, as Coach Mike Cingiser saw his charges drop eight games by four points or less plus wind up on the short end in two overtime battles. But with a couple of bounces in their direction, plus the emergence of a performer or two to plug some up front vacancies, Cingiser believes the Bruins could be

right back into the lvy race this winter.

The strength of the club will be in the backcourt, where 6-2 senior Mike Waltkus, 5-10 senior Darren Brady and juniors 5-11 Keiron Bigby and 5-10 Mark Daly will carry the load. Waitkus is Brown's all-time career assists leader (143 last season) and also pumped in 9.6 ppg. Brady (5.5) is a threat from the outside, while Bigby had a strong second half to wind up as Brown's second leading point producer with 13.6 an outing. Daly (1.2) will compete for game time with Florida transfer David Fisscher, who'll be eligible in December, plus 6-2 senior John Graves, who sat out last season. Freshmen 6-1 Chris Burge and 6-2 Greg Gore are also capable of earning on-court time.

The big losses for Brown were under the hoop, where All-Ivy forward Todd Mulder and center Stark Langs have graduated. Mulder led the club in scoring (14.2) while Langs was the premier board-banger, grabbing nine caroms a game. Seniors 6-7 Todd Buerk and 6-7 John Gooding (1,7/1.2) will get first crack at filling Mulder's slot with sophs 6-6 soph Tony Katsaros (1.6/2.1), 6-4 Ty Smith and 6-7 Steve Intihar competing with 6-5 frosh Tom Chaney for the chance to show their stuff. Junior 6-6 Todd Murray (6.7/3.1) started 22 games a season ago at the swing position, where 6-5 junior Pat Lynch (5.0/1.2), 6-5 spains Ed Wayds (2.2/2.2) tion, where 6-5 junior Pat Lynch (5.0/1.2), 6-5 senior Ed Wayda (2.2/2.2) and 6-5 frosh Marcus Thompson are also looking to play. The leading candidate to take over in the middle is 6-9 senior Jim Turner (5.5/4.2), with his challengers for the first string berth being 6-9 soph Steve Kling and recruits 6-8 Duane Lavold and 6-8 Trey Key.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Brown had one of those "it might have been seasons" a year ago and they could be in for another dose of the same this time out. Solid in the backcourt and suspect up front, the Bruins need a couple of players to break through in a big way under the hoop if they're to approach a break-even campaign in '85-'86.

#### Dartmouth (5-21)

Starters Returning—3

tarters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
Dartmouth has been playing basketball since the turn of the century, a fact that will have no bearing whatsoever on the upcoming campaign. The Big Green don't have a tradition of winning, which should continue because Paul Cormier's squad will be extremely young in '85-'86.
But Dartmouth does have one of the most exciting players in the lyies

in 6-0 soph guard Bryan Randall, the league's Rookie of the Year. What did Randall do to deserve such an honor? All he did was score more points (269), grab more rebounds (109) and hand out more assists (84) than any other player on the team. If all that wasn't enough, the daring Randall also had a team-high 37 thefts.

Randall will team up with fellow sophomore John Mackay in the

backcourt. The 6-2 Mackay started the last 17 games of the season and wound up averaging 10.7 points and 2.2 rebounds. Cormier has brought in a pair of high-scoring freshmen guards who could pose a threat to the veterans, 6-1 Tom Hogan and 6-0 John Drescher.

The only returning starter up front is Scott Schroeder (9.8/3.6), a threeyear starter who loves to go to the boards. Other holdovers who should contribute this year are senior guards Ron Jones and Joe Kilroy, sophomore swingmen John Rhine and Len Baselak and 6-8 junior forward John Miller and 6-5 senior forward Rod Yearwood.

Cormier's freshman class shows a lot of promise, led by 6-4 Jim Barton, a 2,000-point scorer at Memphis High School, and 6-4 John Bean, who scored 52 points in his final game at St. Sebastian (Mass.) High School. The other rookies who could help are 6-6 Darrin Maccoux, 6-11

Jason Lobo, and 6-6 Eugene Sims.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Improvement will be expected because the Big Green has some fine young players, particularly Randali. Paul Cormier's second year at the helm should be a lot happier than his first, but he doesn't have enough strength underneath or experience to seriously challenge the leaders in the lvy league. The influx of some tall and talented rookies will help the Big Green pick up a few more victories

# Independent

#### Utica College (15-12)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.
Four years ago, Larry Costello's Utica College Pioneers started to
build a Division I program. Now it's time to rebuild.

Utica loses three starters from last season's 15-12 team, a season that saw UC record wins over NCAA Tournament-bound Fairleigh Dickinson and NIT-bound Canisius, while also suffering a 55-53 over-time loss at Marquette. Gone are 6-5 forward Keith Walker, the nation's leader in field goal percentage a year ago at 71.3 percent, the second-best single season mark in NCAA history, 6-8 forward/center D.J. Carstensen, (962 career points), and point guard Wallace Williams (1,049 career points).

Leading the way among UC's returnees is 6-5 senior forward Daryl Mackey, who averaged 8 ppg. and 4.5 rpg. last year. Senior guard Paul Brown (6.4 ppg.) returns, along with sophomore guard Eric Jeter, a heralded talent from Temple Hill, MD, who served his apprenticeship

But Costello hesitates to call 1985-86 a rebuilding season, because he went out and had what he termed his "best recruiting year yet." Most of his recruiting efforts were successfully spent trying to convince Tom Faber, a 6-10, 250-pound center formerly at Drake and most recently from Des Moines (IA) County Community College, to attend UC. Faber has played against the likes of Randy Breuer (currently with the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks) and Greg Stokes, formerly of the University of Iowa.

In fact, height and bulk are common to most of UC's incoming

players, as 6-9 Marvin Gantt joins 6-6, 235-pound Derrick Scurry in the Pioneer front court. Freshman guards Gordon Clark and Pat Holden will threaten senior Clarence Bonner (4.1 ppg.) for playing time behind

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The UC schedule is tough in 1985-86, with the season opener at Syracuse and an early matchup at Boston College. But Costello is optimistic, because for the first time in Division I he has — In Faber — a legitimate big man. A repeat of last year's final log seems a distinct possibility for this club.

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Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins is seen here with guard Mark Price celebrating one of Tech's many victories a year ago. Cremins' team is the cofavorite, along with North Carolina, in this year's chase for the ACC Championship.

# **Atlantic Coast**

#### North Carolina (27-9)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Above Avg.

After losing the likes of Matt Doherty, Sam Perkins and All-World Michael Jordan, the Tar Heels of Dean Smith were written off by many as non-contenders last season. But as we told you here at **GAMEPLAN**, old Dean has a way of getting by and that's why we picked them in our pre-season Top Twenty a year ago. Coach Smith silenced all those non-believers last season as the Tar Heels racked up 27 wins on their way to a Top Ten ranking. With eight of his top nine players back, Smith has to be optimistic about his team's chances this season. Throw in what may be the best freshmen class in the country, and the North Carolina Tar Heels immediately become leading contenders to win this year's National Championship.

Last year's team lacked a true small forward, so Smith developed what came to be known as the Triple Tower lineup, with three players of 6-10 or more starting! Due to their size, North Carolina badly outrebounded their opponents and shot an outstanding 54 percent from the field as a team. The best of Dean's Big Four is 6-11 All-ACC center Brad Daugherty (17.3/9.7/63.5% FG), the league's leading rebounder a year ago. Daugherty, a four year regular at UNC, may be the premier center on the East Coast now that Patrick Ewing has graduated. Big 7-0 senior Warren Martin (9.6/5.5/59.6% FG) rebounded nicely from a serious leg injury that had jeopardized his career just two years ago. Martin led the team in blocked shots with 81 and provided solid scoring in the paint. Junior 6-10 Joe Wolf (9.1/5.3) enjoyed a solid sophomore season that saw him develop into a fine medium range shooter. Wolf shot 56.6 percent playing both the big and small forward positions. Part-time starter 6-9 Dave Popson (6.0) also returns for his junior year, and he'll again see extensive duty at both forward spots.

Smith has brought in what may be the two best freshmen swingmen in the country in 6-6 Steve Bucknall and 6-5 Kevin Madden, who will fill in at both forward and guard. Madden may earn a starting job at small forward if he can improve his defensive work. Also lending a hand up front is 6-11 incoming frosh Marty Hensley and 6-5 junior swingman Curtis Hunter

(4.0).

The Tar Heels have one of the best starting backcourts in America in the duo of 6-3 senior Steve Hale (10.6) and 6-3 junior Kenny Smith (12.3), two outstanding players who can play both guard positions. Hale and Smith combined to dish out 403 assists a year ago and each shot the basketball very well. The top reserves at guard are 6-0 soph Ranzino Smith (2.0) and 6-2 incoming frosh Jeff Lebo, the number one backcourt recruit in the country a year ago. Lebo should develop into an outstanding guard in the very near future. Also in reserve is 5-11 senior

James Daye (0.9).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: As usual, Dean Smith and his Tar Heels are loaded and ready to roll. The depth that North Carolina has is just truly amazing. Dean Smith has no fewer than ten quality players who should see extensive duty; in fact, finding playing time for everyone might be difficult. Last season may have been the year of the Big East, but with North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Duke loaded with talent, the ACC is on its way back this season. We look for North Carolina to battle Georgia Tech tooth and nall for the ACC title. In fact, those two teams may be the best in the country. Don't be surprised if Dean Smith and his North Carolina Tar Heels walk away with the NCAA Championship this season.

#### Georgia Tech (27-8)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

There's a new dynasty building in the South, with a most unlikely man responsible for it all. Bobby Cremins, born and raised in the heart of New York City, never would have guessed

that he would one day rise to national prominence in the heart of Dixie, the good 'ol state of Georgia. Coach Cremins five years back inherited a team that had gone 4-23, including a pathetic 0-14 in the ACC. The club improved dramatically each year under his tutelage, reaching its high point last season by winning 27 games on its way to a first-ever ACC championship. Georgia Tech then rolled into the NCAA's, knocking off Syracuse and Illinois on the way before eventually losing to Georgetown. At the end of the season, the Ramblin' Wreck was ranked as the sixth best team in America, and with four starters back this season, Georgia Tech rates as one of the top squads in the country.

Running the Tech attack again will be 6-0 senior guard Mark Price (16.7), a second team Ali-American a year ago. Price is an outstanding outside shooter who can also pass, as evidenced by his 150 assists last season. Price may not have the speed of a Johnny Dawkins, or the moves of a Pearl Washington, but he gets the job done as well as any guard in the country. As he has been the last four years, Price is the key to the Tech attack

this season.

Joining Price to make up what might be America's best guard duo is rugged 6-3 junior Bruce Dalrymple, a 13-point-pergame scorer a year ago. Despite his lack of size, Dalrymple is one of the nation's best rebounders out of a guard position. Not blessed with the shooting ability of a Mark Price, Dalrymple somehow gets his points. He may also be the nation's premier defensive guard, as Kenny Smith of North Carolina can attest.

Solid 6-4 soph Craig Neal, who missed all of last season with injury after averaging 5.4 ppg as a frosh, should be the first guard off the bench. He has the versatility to play both the point and off guard slots. Cremins recruited one of the best prep guards in the country in 6-6 Anthony Sherrod, who has worlds of potential and will backup both Price and Dalrymple. Also vying for playing time in the backcourt is 6-0 soph John Martinson (0.5) and 6-3 frosh newcomer Michael Carr.

Both starting forwards return in 7-0 senior John Salley and 6-6 sophomore Duane Ferrell. Salley pumped in 14 ppg and snagged 7.1 rebounds per contest a year ago on his way to All-ACC honors. It's taken him a couple of years, but Salley has developed into one of the best big forwards in the country and he'll no doubt improve on his individual stats this season. The 6-6 Ferrell (9.1) was a highly-touted high school player who didn't disappoint anyone as he was named the top rookie in the ACC last winter, the third consecutive Tech player to earn that honor, Price and Dalrymple preceding him. Supplying solid depth up front is 6-7 senior Jack Mansell (1.5), while also looking to see reserve duty are 6-9 redshirt frosh Willie Reese and heavily recruited 6-8 Tom Hammonds, the heir-apparent to Salley's power forward spot.

Gone from the middle is 6-11 big man Yvon Joseph (11.6), a second round draft pick of the New Jersey Nets this summer. Replacing Joseph will be 7-0 sophomore Antoine Ford (2.3), who looked solid in a reserve role a year ago. Ford has all the tools to be a great one, but he must become more aggressive,

and gaining a little weight wouldn't hurt either!

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things are looking good at Georgia Tech with Coach Bobby Cremins fielding a team capable of doing a variety of damage to the opposition. Tech may have the best guard tandem in the county in Price and Dalrympie, while Salley and Ferrell aren't too shabby up front, either. Georgia Tech rates as the co-favorite to win the ACC along with those boys of Dean Smith's from North Carolina. Come to think of it, these two clubs just might end up vying for the National Championship!

#### Duke (23-8)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.
There's a long tradition of winning basketball at Duke—something that's inherent at most ACC schools—and last year

was certainly no exception as the Blue Devils won 23 games on their way to earning an NCAA tournament berth and Top Fifteen finish nationally. With four solid starters back from last year's squad, Coach Mike Krzyzewski has to be optimistic about his team's chances this season, the only key player to have graduated being forward Danny Meagher (8.0), a former Olympian for Canada. With everyone else back in uniform, Duke has the makings of a potential Top Ten team that could push North Carolina and Georgia Tech for the ACC Championship.

Coach Krzyzewski is fortunate enough to have one of the best starting backcourts in College Basketball in 6-2 senior Johnny Dawkins and 6-0 junior Tommy Amaker. Dawkins earned All-America honors a year ago when he ripped the nets for 18.8 ppg. while averaging 4.5 reebs per game and contributing 154 assists from his off guard spot. Dawkins is one of the best all-around players in the college game and a certain first round NBA draft choice. The point guard will again be the jittery Amaker, (8.2), a modest scorer who does an outstanding job of running the Blue Devil attack. Amaker dished out a team high 184 assists a year ago, also leading the squad in steals with 56. Dawkins may score all the points, but Amaker is the catalyst of the Duke attack.

Depth is virtually non-existent at the guard spots, meaning that Dawkins and Amaker will have to log many more minutes that Coach K. would like. Incoming frosh 6-2 Quin Snyder could see plenty of action at guard and Krzyzewski has never been shy about using freshmen. What Duke does have in the way of reserves are three players who act as swingmen, like ace sixth man 6-5 David Henderson (11.3), an inconsistent player who's impossible to stop when he gets hot. Henderson might start at Meagher's vacated forward spot, but both Henderson and Krzyzewski have made it clear that David likes to come off the bench. The sophomore duo of 6-5 Kevin Strickland (4.0) and 6-6 Billy King (1.6) will also provide depth at both slots. Strickland has the potential to be an outstanding scorer, while King's strength is rebounding.

At forward, All-ACC performer Mark Alarie returns for his senior season. The 6-8 Alarie averaged 15.9 ppg. a year ago, shooting 58 percent from the floor. Not flashy or quick, Alarie just seems to get the job done. If Henderson doesn't claim the second starting forward job, it's likely to go to 6-10 incoming frosh Danny Ferry, one of the most highly sought after schoolboys in the country a year ago. An amazingly talented young man for his size, Ferry is the son of Washington Bullets GM Bob Ferry. Also providing depth on the front line are 6-6 senior Weldon Williams (1.7) and 6-7 freshman John Smith.

The starting center will again be 6-8 senior Jay Bilas (10.1), who's coming off a solid season that saw him improve drastically on offense. Bilas will never be a dominant type center, but he's the kind of guy who'll never hurt your ball club. Backing up Bilas will again be hulking 7-2 junior Martin Nessley (0.9), who's hasn't lived up to his promise. Krzyzewski also signed unheralded 7-0 center George Burgin who compiled very modest stats in high school in Fairfax, Va.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The tradition that has made the Blue Devils a winner in College Basketball will carry on this season at Duke. Coach Mike Krzyzewski has an excellent array of talent back in uniform, with seniors Dawkins, Alarie, Bilas and Henderson leading the Devil parade. Depth in the backcourt continues to be a concern, but Duke should find itself once again among the elite of College Basketball by season's end. Look for Duke to finish no worse than third in the super-tough ACC, with another NCAA bid almost a certainty.

#### North Carolina St (23-10)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

With four outstanding seniors having graduated from last year's final eight NCAA team, virtually everyone has written off Jimmy Valvano's Wolfpack as serious ACC contenders. Gone are three starters, center Cozell McQueen, forward Lorenzo Charles and point guard Spud Webb, all of whom were tabbed relatively early in the NBA draft last summer. Also graduated is ace sixth man and top long range bomber Terry Gannon. But shed no tears for Jim Valvano, because N.C. State is loaded

with very talented young players.

Valvano hopes to build his team around 6-11 sophomore center Chris Washburn, an immensely talented young man who experienced numerous personal problems a year ago. Washburn was averaging nearly 11 ppg last winter before he was kicked off the team for "borrowing" a friend's stereo in what he called a college prank. Hopefully for Coach V, Washburn has sorted out all of his personal problems and can get down to playing some serious Basketball. If Washburn doesn't pan out in the middle, North Carolina State could be in an awful lot of trouble. Backing up Washburn is untested 6-9 frosh Charles Shackleford, and 6-10 JUCO transfer Teviin Binns, who led Midland Junior College to a fourth place finish in the JUCO national tournament. Shackleford and Binns may also see time at the power forward position.

Starting power forward Russell Pierre returns for his junior season following a disappointing '84-'85 campaign. The 6-8 Pierre battled injuries all year long on his way to averaging 6.6 ppg and 4.6 rpg, a bit off his fine performance as a frosh. The other starter at forward will be 6-7 junior Bennie Bolton (3.5), who came on strong at the end of last season to provide the Wolfpack with solid outside shooting. Bolton will battle with returning seniors 6-5 Ernie Myers and 6-6 Nate McMillan, both of whom have plenty of starting experience. McMillan (7.6), an outstanding all-around player who could also win a first team berth at off guard, dished out a team-high 169 assists last year and also led NC State in blocked shots, a rare double feat. The 6-5 Myers (7.1) will also swing between forward and guard.

Also in the hunt for playing time are 6-7 soph John Thompson (1.6), 6-8 freshman Chucky Brown and 6-7 frosh Kenny Poston, all of whom will provide depth at forward. Highly-touted 6-7 swingman Walker Lambiotte, who'll push for starting duty as a freshman, is an amazing outside shooter who should develop into an outstanding player in the near future.

Coach V is excited about the ability of 6-0 soph Quentin Jackson's ability to run the offense from the point, even though Jackson netted just 1.4 ppg a year ago. Sharpshooting 6-4 soph Vince DelNegro (2.1) will get a look at the off guard position after shooting an excellent 58 percent from the field as a reserve a year ago. Also in the picture is 6-1 incoming frosh Kenny Weems.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Because of their youth and lack of overall experience, GAMEPLAN expects Jim Valvano's Wolfpack to struggle early, coming on strong by tourney time to rank right up there with the best in the nation. NC State may not possess one of the standout starting fives in the game, but outstanding depth and great flexibility with players like McMillan, Myers and Lamblotte will keep the 'pack in the ACC race, although we expect them to finish behind the likes of NC, Georgia Tech and Duke, all of whom may rank as Top Ten teams this season.

#### Maryland (25-12)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Maryland has ranked in the category of "College Basketball Power" for the past decade or so, led by the coaching genius of Charles "Lefty" Driesell, not only one of the game's outstanding managers of youthful talent, but certainly one of the all-time "characters" that ever paced a sideline. Driesell has taken Maryland to the NCAAs five of the last six years, including last season when the Terps advanced to the Final 16 before losing to eventual National Champion Villanova.

Gone from last year's squad is outstanding guard Adrian Branch (18.1), the club's second leading scorer a year ago, and ace sixth man Jeff Adkins (5.2), who also claimed his share of starting time. Nevertheless, Driesell has enough firepower returning to post yet another winning record, perhaps leading the Terps on their way to a fourth consecutive NCAA invite.

The main man for the Terps again will be 6-8 senior forward Len Bias, a second-team All-American a year ago. Bias shot a solid 53 percent from the field last winter on his way to a 19.0 ppg average and snared a team-leading 6.8 rpg. According to many observers, Bias may be the premier small forward in the country. Returning to start at the other up front post is 6-6 senior Tom Jones (7.1), a rugged inside player who gets the job done. Beyond that pair, however, experienced depth is lacking

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and Driesell will look to a trio of freshmen to provide backup help — 6-8 Tony Massenberg, an all-Stater from Virginia, plus

6-9 David Gregg and 6-7 Dave Dickerson.

Under-sized sophomore Derrick Lewis (6.0) will probably start at center for the second straight year. The 6-7 Lewis isn't much of a scoring threat, but he's a solid rebounder and defender. Despite his lack of size in the middle, Lewis manages to hold his own as evidenced by his 99 blocked shots recorded last season. Backing up Lewis again will be 6-8 junior Terry Long (2.3), a disappointment for Coach Driesell since coming to Maryland. Both Lewis and Long are better suited to play power forward, something Driesell is hoping will happen now that he has three legitimate centers on the squad. Junior 6-10 Bryan Palmer (1.1) has been unproductive and is likely to see limited action this year. Driesell brought in two freshmen centers who could push for playing time in 6-11 Phil Nevin and 7-2 German import Christoph Weisheit.

Ace pointman Keith Gatlin returns for his junior year after an outstanding performance a year ago. The 6-5 Gatlin (8.3) set a single-season Maryland record for assists, compiling a whopping 221 to break John Lucas' mark set in the '74-75 season when Lucas racked up 179. Gatlin is also a fine penetrator and outside shooter. Hoping to replace the departed Branch at off guard is 6-1 senior Jeff Baxter (2.8), who'll have to beat out incoming freshmen 6-4 Greg Nared and 6-4 John Johnson, the latter having been tabbed as the best high school player in

Tennessee last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lefty Driesell has put together an excellent program at Maryland, and it'll be no surprise if he racks up a 15th consecutive winning campaign. With All-American Bias and ace point guard Gatlin leading the way, the Terps should be able to pull off another 20-win season, but that might not be enough to boost Maryland into the upper echelon of the ACC this time around. A legitimate center must be found and the situation at the off guard spot remains unsetled, meaning that if another NCAA bid is to be forthcoming, a freshman or two has to step forward and make a major contribution.

#### Clemson (16-13)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Although a 5-9 conference record might not indicate it, last season was surprisingly successful for the Clemson Tigers under first-year head coach Cliff Ellis. Clemson not only enjoyed a winning season, but escaped the basement of the ACC for the first time in many years. Included in their victories were wins over Top Ten teams North Carolina and Georgia Tech.

This time around, the book on the Tigers is somewhat of a mixed bag. Gone from last year's squad are ace sixth man Raymond Jones and All-ACC guard Vincent Hamilton (15.1), one of the finest players in Clemson history. Also gone are three of last year's four fine freshmen, all of whom experienced personal problems that caused them not to return to the Tiger squad. The three MIA's are forward Harvey Grant (5.1), guard Harlan Graham and guard Anthony Blackman. But shed no tears for Coach Ellis who has brought in what may be the best rookie crop in the history of Clemson Basketball. And it looks like the Tigers are a good bet to escape the ACC basement again this season!

The top returning scorer is 6-6 senior swingman Glenn Corbit (11.7), who'll start somewhere, probably at big guard, although he could end up at small forward. Senior 6-5 Chris Michael (8.8) started much of last year at small forward, but he may have to move over to make room for Corbit, who in turn will probably switch because of a fine freshmen backcourt

corps.

Returning to start at center and power forward respectively are 6-9 senior Glen McCants (7.9) and 6-9 junior Horace Grant (11.3), the team's top two returning rebounders. McCants was a pleasant surprise a year ago, but because of all the new players coming aboard, the scrappy pivotman might find himself on the bench. Grant did a fine job at power forward, improving drastically as a sophomore. Ellis is toying with the idea of benching McCants, moving the rugged Grant to the middle, and inserting 6-7 junior Anthony Jenkins at the power forward slot. Jenkins sat out all of last year with injury, but as a sophomore two years ago, he garnered regular duty on his

way to scoring 10.1 ppg. Also vying for playing time up front are a trio of freshmen in 6-10 center John Hall, 6-8 Jerry Pryor and 6-9 redshirt Robert Stone.

The Tigers have one of the better young point guards in the country in 6-2 sophomore Grayson Marshall (7.3), who broke the ACC record for assists by a freshmen last season, handing out 192 feeds. The former record holder is current Duke standout Tommy Amaker. Swingman Corbit might replace Hamilton at the off guard, but a good bet to do so is 6-3 JUCO Transfer Larry Middleton, the JC player of the year in California last season. Newcomer 6-2 Michael Tait, a former transfer, will also see extensive duty in his first year with the Tigers. Tait, a sophomore eligible, started for Arizona as a frosh two years ago. Also in the hunt for playing time are incoming freshmen 6-4 Michael Best and 6-5 Roland Shelton. Shelton will try to make the switch from high school forward to collegiate guard after a very distinguished prep career. He was rated as the 34th best high school player in America last season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: How did Cliff Ellis lose six lettermen and still come out smelling like roses? However he did it, Ellis has yet to sort out a starting lineup, but that's often a good sign. The Tigers have some solid returnees who should combine with an outstanding rookie crop to form a very solid nucleus. In most conferences, Clemson would be a frontrunner, a potential Championship team, but in the brutally tough ACC, they'll be lucky to be a first division ballclub. We think a fourth place finish is the absolute best the Tigers can hope for this year, but we do believe them capable of forging another winning record and receiving a post-season bid in the process.

#### Virginia (17-16)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Coach Terry Holland learned last year that things can get a little rugged in the ACC, especially when you're starting as many as three freshmen. The Virginia Cavaliers took it on the chin, in the ACC, suffering through a 3-11 campaign. Despite an overall losing record, it was obvious to most observers that Virginia was a pretty good team that had the misfortune of playing in an awesome league. The Cavaliers did earn an invitation to post-season play, participating in the 1985 NIT, where they proved their worth, advancing to the quarterfinals before losing to Tennessee. Three key players have since graduated, but Coach Holland welcomes back a solid nucleus of young players.

The key to the UVa attack again will be 6-11 junior center Olden Polynice (13.0), an outstanding low post scorer who has the potential to be a dominant performer in the pivot. Polynice, the second leading rebounder in the conference a year ago, must learn to become more assertive in the middle if he's to fully realize his potential. Backing up Polynice will be the sophomore duo of 6-11 Tim Martin (1.2) and 6-10 John Dyslin (1.0), neither of whom saw much action a year ago. Also vying for playing time at center is 6-9 incoming frosh Jeff Daniel,

who may also play at forward.

Junior 6-9 Tom Sheehey (10.3) returns to start at power forward for the second consecutive season. Sheehey has been a bit of a disappointment since coming to UVa three years back as a consensus high school All-American, and Holland is hoping that Sheeley will finally begin to live up to some of his star billing. The probable starter at the other forward spot is 6-5 sophomore Melvin Kennedy (7.9), last year's ace sixth man. Kennedy is probably better suited to play the off guard position, but Virginia is slim up front and Kennedy should be the regular small forward this season. Supplying depth up front will be 6-8 freshman Bill Batts and 6-7 JUCO transfer Andrew Kennedy.

Combining to form the starting backcourt are 6-3 soph Darrick Simms (6.7) and 6-0 junior Tom Calloway (4.1), both of whom were occasional starters a year ago. Simms has the potential to be a fine scorer, while Calloway is attempting to establish himself as a quality playmaker. Returning to provide depth are 5-11 soph John Johnson (2.7) and 5-10 junior Anthony Solomon (1.2). Holland recruited two outstanding guards from the prep ranks, both of whom could push for starting duty this season. Lance Blanks, a 6-4 off guard, was named "Mr. Basketball" in Texas last year, while 6-3 Richard Morgan was a

third team Parade All-America selection.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cavaliers should be able to win about as many games as they lose this time around. Juniors Polynice and Sheehey are the key players for Virginia, and a fair amount of the scoring responsibility rests on their shoulders. UVa will be hurt by their obvious lack of experience in the backcourt, where Coach Holland will have to rely heavily on freshmen and sophomores. The Atlantic Coast Conference may be the toughest in all College Basketball, with national title contenders North Carolina and Georgia Tech leading the way. A finish in the bottom half of the ACC is probable this winter for Virginia, but with standouts like Blanks and Morgan coming aboard, the Cavs won't be down there very long!

#### Wake Forest (15-14)

Starters Returning-3

Schedule-Above Avg.

Things have been going in the wrong direction at Wake. Last year's squad posted a mere 15-14 record, by far the Deacons worst won-lost ledger in a number of years. Still, Wake Forest managed to earn an NIT post-season invite, but gone from last season's solid squad are forward Kenny Green (17.0/8.3) and guard Delaney Rudd (16.7), the team's top two scorers a year ago. Green was an early first round draft pick of the Washington Bullets last summer. Also graduating were the team's top two reserves, guard Chuck Kepley (4.1) and ace swingman Lee Garber (8.5). Then, to add insult to injury, 7-0 center Craig Wessel decided to transfer, leaving Wake with no player over 6-8. Perhaps all these losses were too much for former head coach Carl Tacy to deal with. He resigned in July and new head coach Bob Staak inherits what's left of the program Tacy built.

Returning to run the attack is diminutive point guard Tyrone Bogues (6.6), one of the premier assist men in college basketball. Bogues, a 5-3 junior, dished out 207 assists last season, good for an average of 7.1 per game. Despite his lack of size,

Bogues has proven that he can play with almost anyone in the country. Joining Bogues in the backcourt will probably be 6-2 incoming frosh Rod Watson, who was a three-time state scoring champion in Tennessee. Watson is just one of what may be the best recruiting class in Wake Forest history. With no experienced players returning, depth in the backcourt will be provided entirely by newcomers. The first guard off the bench will probably be 6-4 JUCO transfer Mike Porter, who's known for his fine touch from the outside. Also lending a hand in reserve roles are 6-1 frosh Cal Boyd and 5-11 first-year man Clay Dade, both of whom came to the Deacons after outstanding high school careers.

Returning to start at one forwart spot is 6-7 junior Mark Cline (10.4), who'll have to shoulder quite a scoring load now that Green and Rudd have graduated. The other forward is 6-7 sophomore Charlie Thomas (8.2/5.6), who started much of last year in the pivot. Thomas is expected to move to his natural power forward spot this season. Taking over at center will either be 6-8 soph Hartmut Ortmann (1.2) or 6-11 incoming frosh Mike Scott, rated the premier high school center in Kentucky a year ago. Ortmann, a former native of West Germany, saw limited duty a year ago, but is expected to get the starting nod in the middle. Also in reserve up front is 6-9 freshman Paul Deibert and 6-6 senior Dennis Calvert (2.5).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Departed head coach Carl Tacy didn't leave much behind in the way of experienced players. He did, however, hunt down one of the best recruiting classes in the nation, and that's something Bob Staak can be thankful for. Staak built Xavier into a fine team during his seven year stint at the Ohio school. At Wake Forest, they're hoping he can turn the trick again for the Demon Deacons, who are in bad need of an overhaul. Wake Forest still has a few quality players around, but certainly not enough to muster a first division finish in the brutal ACC. If the newcomers produce as expected, then at least the Deacons won't be embarassed in the conference. However, if Wake Forest doesn't get more than its share of breaks, it could be a very long year for new head coach Bob Staak.



## Sun Belt

#### Alabama-Birmingham (25-9)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Four Memphis natives-led by pre-season All-American Steve Mitchell-form the nucleus of what could be one of Gene Bartow's best clubs in his eight years at UAB. But Bartow knows that his team has to improve its shooting, fill the middle and overcome a tendency to blow leads if they're to live

up to what appears to be unlimited promise.

From stem to stern, the Blazers are loaded with talent, the brightest light falling on two-time all-Sun Belt guard Mitchell. The 6-1 senior from Memphis was among the league leaders in scoring (18.1), assists (147) and steals (72). Teamed again with Mitchell on the backline will be 6-1 junior James Ponder, who made the usual double-teaming by opponents on Mitchell a painful experience as he rifled up 12.2 ppg. The rest of the backcourt contingent includes 6-4 junior Tracy Foster (3.7), 6-5 freshman sharpshooter Chris Thomas and 6-0 JC import Larry Wiksell.

The rest of the Memphis connection-seniors 6-6 Jerome Mincy, 6-7 Anthony Gordon and 6-8 Archie Johnson-plus 6-5 soph Michael Charles will be UAB's premier performers in the paint. Mincy, one of the league's top power forwards, crashed the boards for a team-leading 8.5 reebs a game a year ago while contributing a steady 12.4 points an outing. Lefthander Charles (3.7/1.9) is one of the best athletes ever at UAB and played very well in last year's NCAA Tournament games. Gordon (5.4/6.9) will battle with a pair of sophs, 6-8 Eddie Collins (1.3/1.8) and 6-9 Cedric Evans to fill the post position, while Johnson (3.3/3.1) will provide capable relief at forward. Also due to see plenty of game time on the front line is 6-7 soph Bruce Baker (2.4/1.4), one of the best shooters on the team. The class of newcomers includes 6-6 forward Dylan Howard, 6-8 redshirt frosh Reginal Turner and 6-11 postman Jeff Venz, a hometown all-stater.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Mitchell and Mincy have powered UAB to three straight NCAA appearances and a 67-34 mark, last year coming within a heartbeat of knocking off eventual Final Four contestant Memphis State. This is a team brimming over with talent, but Gene Bartow has to get the absolute utmost out of his players if UAB is to realize its full potential. Last year's club was at the bottom of the Sun Belt in scoring and foul shooting percentage while ranking next to last in field goal accuracy. If the Blazers can improve on those miserable stats and find a true post player to compete with the really big men of College Basketball, there's no reason why Bartow's boys can't make it four straight NCAA appearances this

winter.

#### Jacksonville (15-14)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Above Avg.

When Bob Wenzel took over as Dolphin hardwood mentor in '81, he embarked on a five-year plan to rebuild the shattered program. That effort is due to pay dividends this season as the presence of five holdover regulars led by All-America hopeful Otis Smith makes Jacksonville a serious Sun Belt contender

for the first time in a half dozen campaigns.

Smith will again lead the Dolphins' drive for the top of the Sun Belt. The 6-5 senior is a three-time All-Sun Belt choice and ranks in 9th spot on Jacksonville's all-time scoring and rebounding lists. Last season, he was among the league leaders in scoring (12.9), rebounding (6.8), free throw percentage (73.7), assists (117), blocks (75) and steals (57). He also ranked among the league's best at pre-game program sales (227.4) and in the half-time hot dog sweepstakes (347.6 dogs per game)!?!

Also holding over are incumbent upfronters 6-6 senior Rod Kittles and 6-7 soph Willie McDuffie. Kittles battled injuries throughout the last campaign, but still potted 6.4 ppg and picked off 5.7 rebounds. McDuffie was brilliant on occasion, win-

ding up on numerous All-Frosh teams as a result of a 9.2 scoring average with 5.7 reebs and a shooting percentage of 56.3. The roster is full of experienced lettermen as well, with 6-7 junior Ken Nadaskay (4.2/2.6), 6-8 senior Tom Terrell (2.0/1.4), 6-10 senior Eric Lewis (1.4/0.8) and 6-9 soph James Scott (2.0/1.5), who has great potential after only three seasons of playing organized basketball. Coach Wenzel will also give good-looking frosh newcomers 6-7 Aaron Smith, a North Carolina all-stater, and swingman 6-7 Chris Slocum a shot at game time. Slocum is a Georgia all-stater who bucketed better

than 24 points a game in high school.

Highlighting the Dolphin backliners is All-Sun Belt selectee 6-5 junior Ronnie Murphy. Although Murphy's numbers slipped a bit from 1983-84 when he was the only frosh ever to be named first team all-league, Murphy still averaged 12.9 points, 3.3 rebounds and was second to Smith in assists (76) and steals (37). Junior 6-6 Danny Pearson (8.1/3.6) is due to start again alongside Murphy, while the club's ace sixth man is also available again in 6-3 soph Cleveland Williams (10.2/2.4), who topped the league's guards in field goal shooting with 54 percent accuracy. The Dolphin recruiting harvest also collared a pair of excellent backline prospects in 6-1 Pat Laguerre and 6-4 Keith Showers. Laguerre is a New Jersey all-stater who ranks as the only true point guard on the Dolphin roster, while Showers is a homegrown talent who can shoot and rebound. He's a two-time Florida all-stater.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Jacksonville Express was tooling along a year ago when Coach Bob Wenzel was derailed by a "leaking cerebral aneurysm." When he was hospitalized for surgery, the club seemed to run out of gas and his illness clouded the season. Now healthy and back at the helm, Wenzel has a poolful of talented Dolphins with which to take a run at the Sun Belt title this season. Smith is one of the country's most complete performers, and Jacksonville rates as solid up front and on the backline. They'll be in the forefront of

the dash for the Sun Belt crown for sure!

#### Old Dominion (19-12)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Four holdover starters among eight returning lettermen give Tom Young a solid foundation upon which to launch his first year at ODU. The ex-Rutgers mentor's new charges include All-America hopeful Kenny Gattison, who's led the Monarchs to

two straight Sun Belt runnerup finishes.

Gattison, a rugged 6-8 senior, was the Big Blue's ace scorer a year ago, pumping home 16.1 markers a game while clearing the boards to the tune of 9.2 an outing. He'll be rejoined on the frontline by 6-10 senior center Clarence Hanley, who contributed 10.7 ppg along with 6.6 caroms. He was also the Sun Belt's second leading free throw shooter with an 81.3 percentage. Swingman Mark Davis (14.0/4.5) is now the property of the Cleveland Cavallers, with the senior trio of 6-7 Sylvester Charles (3.5/2.9), 6-5 Darryl Tolson (3.1) and 6-6 Ronnie Wade looking to claim his vacant spot. Also bidding for that job will be redshirt 6-8 frosh Garrick Davis, the graduated Mark Davis' brother, and superstar recruit 6-5 Bernard Royster out of Cardinal Gibbons High in Baltimore. Royster has been listed among the 60 top blue-chippers in the current frosh harvest.

Young will find his backcourt pantry well-stocked as well, with holdovers 6-3 senior Keith Thomas and 5-11 soph Frank Smith ready to go. Thomas bucketed 12.6 points a game and snared 3.3 reebs along with registering 101 feeds and 52 steals. Point guard Smith had 4.2 ppg after winning a starting spot in the season's second half. He also topped the club in assists (157) and steals (56) enroute to being named to the Sun Belt coaches All-Frosh team. The ODU newcomers' list includes backcourt hopefuls 6-3 Kennell Jones and 6-2 Dee Pritchett, both of whom were prolific scorers and assist men in

high school.

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For More Information on our Many Accomplishments, and our Low, Low Rates, Check Inside Back Cover. GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: For the first time since '75 the Monarchs will open the season without Paul Webb as head coach, Webb having vacated the job to move up the line as ODU athletic director. New bossman Tom Young inherits an exceptional array of talent, led by the explosive Gattison. With a fine supporting cast, a solid bench and a sparkling group of recruits, ODU should again be a threat in the Sun Belt and a candidate for NCAA action at season's end.

#### VCU (26-6)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

Mike Pollio knows all about uphill struggles. After all, he took over a Kentucky Wesleyan program that was headed for the rocks and made it a Division II Final Four entrant three of the past five campaigns. At VCU, Pollio inherits a club that enters '85-'86 minus 78 percent of its scoring punch and four-fifths of the starting lineup that led the Rams to 11th place in the final wire service polls last winter.

Pollio will construct this year's Sun Belt entry around the multi-faceted skills of 6-5 senior forward Michael Brown (10.8/4.3), a three-year starter at VCU. Brown may find himself shifted to wing guard his final college season after having played the small forward slot in the past. The leading candidate to fill the middle is 6-9 soph Alvin Robinson (1.3/1.9), whose stats don't show that he really began to blossom toward the end of his rookie season. Another soph, 6-8 Phil Stinnie (1.1/0.8), has the inside track at one of the forward berths. Nothing in the Ram forecast is cast in concrete, however, so don't be surprised if veterans 6-5 junior Don Franco, 6-6 soph Darrell Reid or 6-6 Alabama transfer Bruce Pettway work their way into the lineup. Also given a chance at playing are frosh recruits 6-9 Willie Jennings, 6-7 William Feazell, 6-7 Bruce Robinson and 6-10 Martin Henlan from England, who'll likely backup Robinson in the pivot.

If Brown moves to the backline, he'll probably be paired with 6-2 senior Nicky Jones, who redshirted a year ago. Frosh 6-2 Derrick McGhee should see action at the point, while 6-3 newcomer Brian Bender will get a chance to earn his letter at the wing. Reservists from last season again in uniform include 6-0 junior Bruce Allen and 6-4 junior Andy Black.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ah, yes, life in the fast lane! That's the pace Mike Pollio is going to experience in his first season as shepherd of the Rams. Pollio is promising a new style and enthusiasm to replace the departed J.D. Barnett's successful but straight-laced offense, but he's still got to have the "Xs" and "Os" to make it work. And without the likes of last year's heroes Rolando Lamb, Calvin Duncan, Mike Schlegel, Neil Wake and Robert Dickerson, VCU might not be able to keep up with the rest of the pack.

#### South Florida (18-12)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The sign outside the USF basketball office reads: "WANTED: Quality Outside Shooters. Need is Immediate!" The Bulls face '85-'86 suffering from Charlie Bradley-Darryl Patterson withdrawl syndrome, the only cure being an infusion of point-making talent that'll supply the 34 markers a game that duo took with them on graduation.

All-American Bradley, a third round draftee of the NBA's Sacramento Kings, set every conceivable offensive record prior to picking up his sheepskin, and Patterson took with him the Sun Belt's best jump shot. Much of the pressure of filling that huge backcourt void will fall on 6-2 senior Tommy Tonelli, an improved shooter (6.8) who distinguished himself as the Bulls' ace assist man last season with 179 feeds. A couple of excellent shooters will get a shot — pun intended — to pick up the scoring slack. They are 6-4 Martin Teal, a 30 ppg marksman at Manatee JC who's trying to get his grades up, and 6-2 Greg Hollingsworth, also a JC product out of North Carolina. Frosh Gerald White, a 6-5 swing performer, will also get a look at shooting guard as well as quick forward. Soph 6-3 Arthur Caldwell was impressive in his rookie season, posting 72 assists and 23 steals to offset his 1.0 scoring norm.

Up front, 6-9 senior Curtis Kitchen (6.8/7.8) and 6-8 junior Doug Wallace (9.5/7.1) will battle at the power forward and

center positions, although it's uncertain who'll play where at present. Junior 6-5 Vince Sanford (4.2/1.2) can play at the small forward, and 6-7 incoming frosh David Stubblefield will also get the opportunity to earn a letter up front. A good scorer and board-pounder, Stubblefield's strength is the transition game. Also available are 6-5 senior William Conner (4.0/2.3) and 6-8 soph Keith Jordan (1.7/1.6), who has the potential to be strong off the boards.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lee Rose says it best: "We will definitely need some immediate contributions from the new people." That's the bottom line as USF begins its first season in the last five without the Bradley-Patterson combo. USF has been an NIT contestant three times in the last five campaigns, but if the Bulls are to make a post-season appearance again in '85-'86, it'll be the newcomers who make it happen.

#### Western Kentucky (14-14)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Two seasons back, Clem Haskins decided his frontline needed help—so he went out and got it. After a disappointing break-even log last year, Haskins set his sights on fortifying

the backcourt. And he did-at least on paper.

For most of last year, the Hilltoppers went with the graduated Dennis Johnson and 6-3 senior Mike Ballenger (8.2) in the backcourt, but neither averaged 10 points per game. Haskins will take a close look at his four signees for '85-'86 to get some scoring punch. They include 6-1 Kurk Lee, 6-1 Keith Lickliter, 6-2 Brett McNeal and 6-3 Ray Swogger. Lee was an 18-ppg performer for the nation's number one high school team, Dunbar of Baltimore, while Lickliter pumped in better than 22 ppg for his Indianapolis school. McNeal was Minnesota's "player of the year" and Swogger comes in from Erie CC in Buffalo where he shot 66 percent from the floor and earned JUCO all-star honors. Also available are lettermen 6-1 senior Billy Gordon (6.6) and 6-0 soph James McNary.

A valuable cache of returnees solidifies the Hilltoppers' front court, where Kennard Johnson, Tellis Frank and Clarence Martin could be the most feared trio in the Sun Belt. Johnson, a 6-9 junior, led the Hilltoppers in scoring (15.0) and rebounding (6.4) a year ago. He could wind up at center, where 6-8 junior Martin (4.4/4.2) is still slowed a bit by the knee injury that forced him to be redshirted two seasons ago. Frank, a 6-9 junior, is also recovering from injury and post-season surgery to repair his shoulder. He netted 8.4 points a game and corralled 5.0 caroms per tilt last winter. Sun Belt all-frosh choice 6-6 Fred Tisdale (4.1/1.8) adds depth off the bench, as does 6-7 soph Steve Miller and 6-6 junior Bryan Asberry (7.1/4.0). Miller was Kentucky's high school "Mr. Basketball" in '83-'84 but was sidelined much of his freshman campaign by a foot injury.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: GAMEPLAN predicted an improved season for Western Kentucky last year, although in all honesty we figured Haskins' honchos would do even better than their break-even effort. We think they're going to be much improved this time around, although the Hilltoppers have to find some punch on the backline to balance what appears to be a fearsome group underneath. If the backcourters do a decent job, this club can challenge for the upper echelons of the Sun Belt this winter.

#### South Alabama (15-13)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

When the Jaguars take the court for their initial game this season, the program sellers are sure to make a mint! Second-year Coach Mike Hanks will have no less than 10 new faces on the roster, with just one starter back from last year's squad.

Among the departees is all-time USA scoring leader Terry Catledge, a first round NBA draftee and Sun Belt player of the year for the second straight season last winter. The lone holdover is frontcourter 6-6 senior Dale Osbourne (7.3/4.0), who also finished second on the club in assists (69) while handling the toughest defensive assignments last season. Bidding for the vacancies in the paint will be 6-8 senior Jose Waitman (6.8/6.1), 6-6 soph Reggie Henry (5.8/2.2) and 6-9 senior Hank Carter (1.3/0.8), along with JC transfer 6-7 junior Rodney Butts and juniors 6-10 Alan Kortokrax and 6-8 Ricky Brown. Butts

originally signed with North Carolina State in '83 before enrolling at Independence (Kan.) JC, while Kortokrax and Brown practiced with the Jaguars last season while regaining their eligibility. Kortokrax is a former Parade A-A who transferred from Ohio State while Brown played two years at Washington State where he was a pre-season All-PAC-10 choice last summer.

The lone veteran in the back court is 6-3 soph Derrick Cooper (1.9), but he saw only limited action overall a year ago. Incoming frosh who rank as guard prospects are 6-1 Darrell Faulkner, 6-2 Arnold Hamilton, 6-3 Jeff Hodge and 6-4 William Stanley. Faulkner is an all-stater from Memphis, Tenn., while Stanley was runnerup in the Ohio player of the year balloting. Hamilton and Hodge were both players of the year in Alabama's Class 1A and 6A respectively.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Don't be fooled by the fact Mike Hanks has just one starter holding over from last season. In performers like Ricky Brown and Alan Kortokrax, he's got some boys who know how to play the game. 1985-86 will certainly be a rebuilding year for the cagers from Mobile, but they'll be competitive. Next year? Watch out for the Jaguars!

#### N Carolina-Charlotte (5-23)

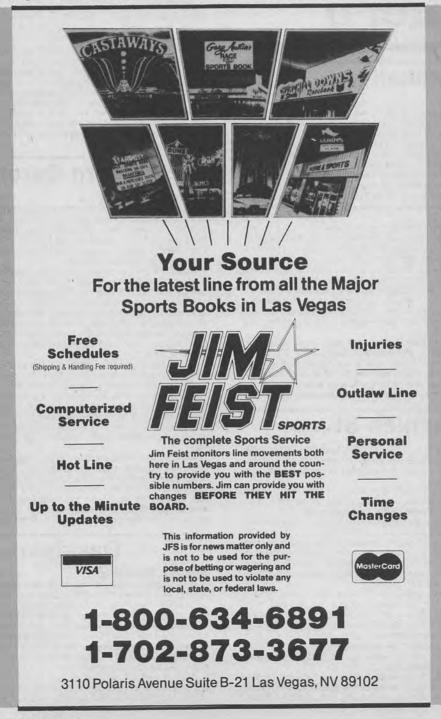
Starters Returning—3

Schedule-Average

Ex-NBA and Duke standout Jeff Mullins doesn't look the type to be into self-flaggelation, so why would he take over what is arguably the worst Division I program in the country? "It just felt right at the time and is something I really want to

do," is his simple explanation.

Mullins will rebuild the 49ers around hulking 6-7, 245-pound soph Clinton Hinton. The incumbent center, Hinton will probably move to power forward to succeed the graduated Leroy Smith. Hinton broke nine UNCC frosh marks a year ago as he averaged 16.0 ppg and pulled down 7.4 reebs a game. Taking over in the middle could be 6-11 junior Ray Gromlowicz (5.9/3.5), while 6-6 soph Scott Fitzgibbons (5.3/4.2) or JC transfer 6-7 Mike Millings could get the starting call at the other forward. Don't rule out the possibility that Mullins will go with any one of a good-looking batch of freshmen — 6-7 Mike "The Monument" Washington, 6-7 Lamon Berry and Eric "Slim" Duncan, a 6-9 Fayetteville product.



One recruit who has an excellent chance of winning a regular role is 6-5 Reggie Barnes, a super shooter UNCC lured away from Maryland. Back from last season's starting five is 5-11 junior point man Keith Williams, who potted 11.3 points a game a year ago while registering 109 assists and 72 steals. Versatile 6-4 senior playmaker Rodney Abrams was UNCC's most explosive player late last year, winding up with a 9.1 point average, 4.5 reebs a game and three assists an outing. Swingman 6-6 junior Rusty Hargraves hit 5.6 points a game, while the frosh harvest includes backliners 6-0 Byron Dinkins and 6-3 Jeff West.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Mullins was an All-American in college, an Olympic gold medal winner and a solid NBA pro. That background should equip him for work along the sidelines, and all his skills will be tested this season. UNCC has some excellent young talent, which bodes well for the future, but it's a long climb back for a club that won just one game in 13 league outings a winter ago.

#### Southern

#### Marshall (21-13)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
The Thundering Herd has been to the NCAA well twice recently with only little sips to show for their efforts. But with a strong cadre of returning veterans and several outstanding newcomers, 1985-86 just might be the time for Rick Huckabay's cagers to take a nice long drink.

The defending SC tourney titlists will open with last year's leading scorer, 6-2 soph Skip Henderson, at one backline spot and probably JC import 6-0 Norman Ray as his companion. Henderson averaged 17.7 ppg a year ago, had 112 assists and 55 steals. Also suited up and looking for game time will be veterans 6-3 soph Kyle Taylor (2.2), 6-5 senior John Amendola (1.6) and 6-6 soph Pete Brown, who was redshirted a year ago due to knee problems.

Veteran frontliners 6-9 soph Tom Curry and 6-9 senior Jeff Guthrie will key the under-the-bucket play, perhaps teaming with another transfer, 6-5 Fred Calloway. The steady and reliable Guthrie netted 11.8 points a contest with 7.3 caroms while registering 75 steals and 20 blocked shots. Curry netted 8.4 markers an outing and banged the boards for nearly four rebounds a game. The top reserves from last season — 6-9 senior Jeff Richardson (5.7/2.8), 6-6 soph Maurice Bryson (1.6/1.1) and 6-7 soph Rodney Holden (1.8/1.9) - should get plenty of game time this winter. A couple of prep All-Americans — 6-5 John Humphrey and 6-5 Kevin Staples — will also help with their excellent leaping ability and marksmenship.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Rick Huckabay is right - his Herdsmen should be a contender again in the Southern Conference. It'll be no cakewalk, for sure, but Marshall is dotted with veteran performers who know how to get the job done. Add to that the fact that Huckabay has recruited well to fill the holes caused by graduation and you've got to give Marshall an excellent shot at going to the NCAAs again this winter.

#### Appalachian St (14-14)

Starters Returning-5

Schedule-Average

Despite the loss of last winter's top scorer, the Mountaineers enter the upcoming basketball wars with a solid chance of improving on their

break-even mark of a year ago.

Coach Kevin Cantwell is particularly high about his front court, where all three of last year's regulars are back in uniform. In the pivot, 6-11 junior Greg Dolan (11.7/6.0) was the club's best rebounder while hitting 57 percent of his field goal tries, also a team best. On the flanks, 6-7 Rod Davis enters his senior year after averaging 10.3 ppg and 5.0 reebs in 1984-85. At the other forward, 6-6 senior James Carlton (3.9/3.9) should improve on his stats after being slowed by injuries throughout the last campaign. Another injury victim, 6-6 senior Pete Wilson (3.0/1.7), is again 100 percent and will be a top reserve along with 6-6 soph Sanford Killian (1.4/1.1) and 6-3 Bryan Ellis (2.3/1.3).

Two starters return to the backcourt in 6-3 senior Ron Fiorini and 6-2 senior Lynwood Robinson. Fiorini netted 7.3 ppg, while point man Robinson scored at a 9.1 ppg clip and set a single season assist record with 134. Two-year letterman 6-3 junior Jeff Dowd returns after missing all of last season with a hip injury, while 6-2 junior John Wilkins (3.3) is also available. Pushing for playing time will be 6-5 frosh Ronnie Christian, who averaged 18.6 points and 7.2 reebs a game in high school and

can play either forward or in the backcourt. GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Experience will be the big plus for the Mountaineers this time around, as 11 of the club's 13-man roster have at least one year of Division I combat to their credit. Coach Cantwell has made marked progress in such key areas as cutting down turnovers and improving free throw shooting, and GAMEPLAN looks for the Statesmen to be a force to be reckoned with in this year's SC race.

#### Tennessee-Chattanooga (24-8)

Starters Returning—3

Schedule—Average

The past campaign was a banner one for the Moccasins, as they captured their fourth Southern Conference basketball title in the last five years and came within five points of advancing to the finals of the NIT. Graduation dealt the Mocs a cruel blow, however, and a host of new faces - including an as-yet-to-be-named head coach - could find the going rough this time around.

The Mocs lost two of their stalwarts under the hoop - Gerald Wilkins (21.0/4.5) and Clifford Morgan (10.4/8.9) - so restructuring that part of the attack will be the first priority of the new mentor. The loss of Morgan also means the Mocs will be without a proven player taller than 6-7, and 6-7 senior Eugene Deal (9.2/5.2) may be forced into the pivot. T-C is expecting a better performance from 6-6 soph Darryl Ivery (5.4/4.7), who started fast and then fell into a season-long slump. Soph 6-6 Lance Fulse (1.6/1.2) will get a chance to contribute, as will incoming JC transfers 6-5 Andrew Collins, 6-5 Bobby Hines and 6-6 Cornelius Crank. Redshirt freshman 6-8 John McCloud is also looking for game time.

Junior 6-4 James Hunter (7.4/2.4) holds over at one guard slot, while at the other, 6-4 senior John Gibson (5.0) returns for his final collegiate hurrah. Gibson was second to Wilkens in assists a year ago, registering 75 feeds. Working off the bench will be 6-3 senior Carliss Jeter (5.4), 6-0 Junior Maurice Head (4.1) and 6-3 senior Dwight Harris (3.1), meaning the Mocs' backcourt is in excellent condition. The new face on the backline belongs to 6-3 frosh recruit Vincent Ingram.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Mocs' fans will be remembering '84-'85 with fondness this winter, particularly in view of the fact this year's hardwood edition will find itself in a struggle to finish on the plus side of .500. The biggest question in Chattanooga is who will succeed Murray Arnold as Mocs' mentor, but there's another batch of "ifs" regarding this squad, particularly in the paint. Two things you can take to the bank: The Mocs will have a new coach and the Mocs will have an uphill battle all winter long.

#### Western Carolina (14-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average WCU has enjoyed year-to-year improvement in its basketball program since Steve Cottrell took up the whip eight seasons back, but the upcoming campaign could prove to be his most challenging yet. That's because graduation losses could force the Cats into major shuffles in their starting lineup, compounded by the fact WCU will be playing in an unfamiliar, brand new arena.

About the only sure bets in the Catamounts' starting lineup will be in the frontcourt, where standout sophs 6-8 Andre Gault and 6-6 Leroy Gasque were among the Southern's top rookies a year ago. Gault started 24 games at center, averaging 6.4 points with 6.2 rebounds. Gasque earned a regular role late in the campaign, winding up netting 7.6 ppg and clearing 4.1 caroms. Other veterans shooting for a starting job are 6-7 junior Richard Rogers (8.8/3.0), 6-5 senior Cliffor Waddy (7.1/2.5), junior 6-9 Chris Tipton (2.7/2.1) 6-8 soph Elgie Green (1.8/1.1) and 6-7 senior Scott Wood (3.2/2.4)

The top dog—or Cat, as the case may be—in the backcourt is 6-1 junior point guard Vincent "Spotlight" Walker, who pumped in 7.1 points an outing while finishing second in the SLC in assists a year ago with 138 feeds. Beyond Walker, however, the Cats' backcourt contingent contains only the inexperienced trio of newcomers 6-5 Floyd Showers, 6-4 Robert Hill and 5-11 Maurice Johnson. Showers is an Ohio all-star, while Hill picked up honors in South Carolina. Johnson netted nearly 22 points a game as he led his Virginia high school team to the state's AA title

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: WCU staggered through last campaign under the weight of a series of devastating injuries, their ability to post a break-even season a credit to the coaching staff and players. The key to this season will be the Cats' play during the early part of the year, for this appears to be a team that will improve as it gets to know one another and their new home court. All things considered, an encore break-even campaign would be considered a success.

#### Davidson (10-20)

Starters Returning-5

Schedule—Average

Give Bobby Hussey a challenge and he thrives — just look at his record! And with all five starters back in uniform, a quality transfer and a schedule a tad more reasonable, this could be the winter the Wildcats return their court program to the plus side of .500.

Included in the holdovers is point guard extraordinaire Derek Rucker, who topped the 'cats in scoring (12.8), assists (121) and steals (63) last winter while making the Southern all-frosh team. Also returning to the backcourt is 6-0 senior Pepper Bego, a three-year letterman who not only popped for 10.1 markers an outing but actually led the squad in carom collecting with 6.0 a game. Junior 6-2 Chris Heineman (6.1) can play either point or second guard effectively while ex-Evansville starter 6-5 senior Todd Scott can swing between small forward and second guard.





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Veteran 5-11 senior Pat Riazzi (1.3) adds game savvy off the bench.

In the middle, 6-7 senior pivotman Ken Niebuhr shot an impressive 62 percent from the floor with an 8.2 ppg scoring norm and 3.9 reebs a game. Forward 6-4 soph Jeff Himes (8.0/4.3) joined Rucker on the SC all-frosh squad, while 6-6 junior forward Anthony "Ace" Tanner (5.0/2.0) continues to improve. Veteran 6-7 senior Gerry Born (10.1/6.0) is a rock solid performer, while 6-8 seniors Ted Wolfe (1.7/1.1) and Jim McConkey (2.5/1.6) are reliable reservists

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Davidson lost 11 times by less than six points a season back, and considering the schedule was murderous (Virginia, Chaminade, Oregon, Portland, Penn, Duke, Wake Forest, South Carolina, Notre Dame, etc. etc.), Bobby Hussey did an excellent job keeping the club competitive. This could be the 'cats year, as an experienced crew of marksmen takes dead aim on the Southern Conference pennant. After all, how could a club with a starter named "Pepper Bego" not do all right!

#### The Citadel (18-11)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
For the first time in a dozen seasons, The Citadel will have a new Schedule—Average

basketball coach, and for the first time in three campaigns, the Bulldogs will be unable to call on the services of a Southern Conference "player

of the year.

The changing of the guard took place when Les Robinson became head coach at East Tennessee State and Regan Truesdale retired his sneakers after an illustrious career at The Citadel. Ex-Robinson aide Randy Nesbit takes over at 27, making him one of the youngest head coaches in Division I hoops, and his first problem will be finding someone to succeed Truesdale. One player probably won't be able to replace Truesdale's point production, but 6-0 senior Jimmy Tharpe and 6-4 junior Craig Bardo might be able to do it together. Tharpe averaged 10.3 ppg a year ago whille leading the squad in assits (110) and free throw shooting (86.1 percent). Bardo, a long range bomber who came to Citadel from Indiana U., scored 9.2 points a game a year ago. The supporting cast on the backline includes lettermen 6-1 junior Richey Sawyer (1.6) and a trio of freshman newcomers, 6-1 Leon Bryant, 6-4 Shelton Campbell and 6-1 Ed Conroy, Bryant is a hotshot from South Carolina, while Conroy earned all-state honors in Iowa. Campbell is a local boy from Charleston who bucketed better than 25 ppg his final schoolboy campaign.

Two incumbents return to the frontcourt, and both had solid seasons a year ago. Junior 6-6 Craig Burgess (8.7/5.0) and 6-8 junior pivot John Hartwell (5.7/3.6) will probably be joined by 6-6 soph Kent Hill (2.4/1.1), who performed well in a reserve role. Challenging for on-court time (2.4/1.1), be 6-9 soph Bill Roulston (1.1), 6-6 senior John Hargette and newcomers 6-6 Bill Broadway, 6-7 James Bishop and 6-5 James Stevens. Broadway could be the prize catch, coming to The Citadel with outstanding credentials at his Charlotte, N.C. high school.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The loss of a player like Regan Truesdale

means a whole shift of focus for the Bulldogs, who'll not only have to replace his scoring punch but his leadership as well. New skipper Randy Nesbit has a good corps of holdovers to restructure the 'dogs game around, but don't expect this club to reach the levels achieved a year ago. A winning season most likely, but anything beyond that will be gravy.

#### VMI (16-14)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule-Average

VMI made the most of its first SC tourney berth since 1981 last winter, losing by just five points to eventual champion Marshall. The big question now in Lexington is can a team with a superstar (Gay Elmore), a solid point guard (Mike Huffman) and the reigning Southern Conference coach of the year (Marty Fletcher) do it again in 1985-86?

Junior 6-5 Elmore is the VMI leader by example, having earned first

team All-SC honors last winter. He pumped in 20.0 points an outing, picked off an average of 4.7 rebounds and was the tourney MVP with two 30-plus scoring efforts. Senior 6-2 Huffman is one of the league's finest point men, last year busting the Keydet assist record with 164 feeds. Steady as Gibraltar, Huffman had just 64 turnovers in 30 games and also

averaged 5.2 ppg.

That's the good news for VMI, the flip side of that being the loss of Cedric Wins, Darren Swayer and Mike Herndon, who played together for four years and left VMI with a host of individual records between them. Working to win regular spots in the front court will be 6-7 soph Bobby Gardner (2.5/1.8), 6-6 junior Mark Current (2.2/1.9) and the Dorsey twins, Stephen and Steven, a pair of 6-7 sophs. Stephen (1.4/2.0) looks to be a step ahead of Steven (1.1/1.1) in a bid for regular work. Depth up front will come from 6-10 senior Jim Shanley and 6-6 junior Jay Nagle (2.7/1.0), plus recruits 6-5 Lennon Mings and 6-6 Rufus Kay, a couple of boardbangers extraordinaire.

Kevin Everhart, a 6-2 soph, appears the best bet to replace Wins in the backcourt after averaging about 11 minutes a game last winter. Junior 6-1 Steve Tooker will work in relief of Huffman at the point, while freshman newcomer 6-3 Darren McDonald is sure to hear his number called frequently after shooting 69 percent from the floor with a near-18

point average his final scholastic season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Led by five starters who played together two years and three seniors who were team leaders as well as four-year regulars. VMI reached the pinaccle of its recent basketball success last winter. Marty Fletcher will have this team ready to go when the season tips off, but don't expect too much from the Keydets until the second half of the campaign.

#### East Tennessee St (9-18)

Schedule-Average

Les Robinson takes over the helm of the Buccaneer ship after 16 years as commanding general of The Citadel's hardwood army. He'll build this year's Southern entry around a good-shooting pair of senior guards, but he's got work to do reconstructing the Buc upfront game.

The lone holdover in the paint is 6-4 senior forward Calvin Cannady (8.7/4.9), so to say Robinson is in need of some "big men" is a major understatement. Juniors 6-5 Jamie Phillips (5.1/1.4) and 6-8 David Vaught (2.1/1.4) will get an opportunity to prove themselves, as will returning lettermen 6-6 soph Steve Shirley (1.5/1.1) and 6-5 junior Scott Daniel (1.5/0.7). Don't be shocked, however, if there's a new face or two in the starting lineup. Robinson will take a peek at frosh recruits 6-9 Mark

starting lineup. Robinson will take a peek at frosh recruits 6-9 Mark Larkey and 6-6 Lewis Morris, all-staters from Tennessee and Kentucky, respectively, along with 6-6 Steve Cox and 6-8 Derrick Johnson to get some height under the hoop. All have proved they can hit the boards, Cox averaging 18 caroms a game during his prep career.

Seniors 5-11 Wes Stallings and 6-2 James Tandy will again be the Buc helmsmen in the backcourt. Stallings scored at a 13.2 per game clip a year ago while Tandy contributed 10.7 markers an outing. Stallings was runnerup to reserve guard 6-2 junior Carniel Manuel (5.6) in the assist department, 87 to 80. Senior reserves 6-2 Albert Sams (1.5) and 6-1 Jimmy Goff (1.4) will be challenged for game time by frosh newcomer 6-4 my Goff (1.4) will be challenged for game time by frosh newcomer 6-4

Rodney Jones, another Tennessee all-state choice.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: How well the Bucs adapt to Les Robinson's coaching style will be the key to an improved season in '85'86. Another will be the ability of Robinson's "big man" recruits to grow up in a hurry and make the difficult transition from high school to college ball. All things considered, a season featuring double figures in the win column would be a major achievement for East Tennessee State.

#### Furman (7-21)

Starters Returning-3 Schedule—Average

Breathing new life into a hardwood program is nothing new for first-year Furman skipper George "Butch" Estes, and Paladin boosters are hoping he can produce the same sort of turnaround he achieved at Presbyterian College. If he can work those wonders again (Presbyterian won 69 games in his three years after not having a winning campaign since 1975), the Paladins will be aiming at the sunny side of .500 for the first time since 1980.

Estes could use the talents of Furman's top scorer and rebounder last season, but Noel Gilliard's graduated, leaving a big hole in the front court. He'll have to rely on the efforts of veteran 6-6 junior forward Herman Sims (10.3/3.0) and 6-6 junior Eric Moore (6.4/3.4). The other "big man" post will be filled from a roster that includes 6-5 soph swingman John Castile (5.4/3.0), 6-6 soph Gary Churchhill (3.4/2.7), 6-7 junior Pat Suttle (2.2/2.6) and frosh newcomers 6-6 Joey Brooks and 6-5 Tom

The headliners in the backcourt will be 6-1 soph Shawn Reid and 6-3 senior Ned Caswell, but expect 5-10 incoming freshman David Brown to get plenty of game time. Reid pumped in 12.2 points a game a year ago with 3.4 reebs an outing before he was injured in the team's fifth conwith 3.4 reebs an outing before he was injured in the team's fifth contest. Caswell netted a handy six markers per game while leading the team in assists with 85. Brown used a 28.0 ppg average to win South Carolina's "Mr. Basketball" title his final scholastic season. Ready to supply dependable reserve help are a trio of juniors, 6-4 Kent Washington (4.5/2.3), 6-2 Dave Conrady (3.5) and 6-3 Chris Keen (1.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Butch Estes says It's a "dream come true" for him to take over at Furman, but he may have a nightmare or two before he wakes up what's been a sleeping Paladin program. The presence of a veteran batch of returnees is a plus, but don't expect

much more than double figures in the win column this winter.

# Independent

#### New Orleans (11-19)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.
You know what "Jambalaya" is, don't you? That's where Louisianians take everything that's in the 'fridge that doesn't have hair on it, throw it in a pot, bring it to a boil and serve it for dinner! Well, that's what first year UNO coach Benny Dees has for a basketball team this year.

The Privateer pot includes two holdover starters, four players who were inactive a year ago, a couple of transfers and a dash of JUCO imports. One of the holdovers is 6-1 soph Gabe Corchiani (6.2/3.0), who started 13 contests a year ago at the point. He posted 90 assists while

leading the club in steals with 37. Tossing hoops for the other backline job will be 6-5 junior David Hodo, a fine shooter who didn't play last season; JC transfer 6-1 junior Randy Goodwin and the team's only frosh newcomer, 5-10 Kwane Whitfield, an excellent leaper who played forward in high school.

The bag is just as varied on the front line, where Coach Dees will rebuild without the services of a true middle man, 6-10 LSU transfer Damon Vance having to sit out a season to gain eligibility. That leaves UNO with seven flankmen and Dees plans to run a three-forward offense for '85-'86. One of those playing under the hoop will be 6-7 soph Sam Jones (8.4/5.3), a holdover incumbent who specializes in hitting the offensive boards. Back in the UNO fold after a year's absence is 6-8 senior Terrence Breaux, who carries 7.6 ppg and 4.6 caroms per contest averages into his final season. Junior 6-6 Terrence Bellock, an exciting performer who can also play at the second guard spot, posted a 6.5 ppg average with 3.2 rebounds in his freshman year before opting for a year's "training" at Copiah-Lincoln JC. His return should be a big plus for the Privateers. Also figuring to give a good account of themselves in the bidding for regular work are 6-6 soph Theron Cojoe, who's recovering from an off-season knee injury; 6-8 soph Ronnie Grandison, who hasn't played in two years but formerly wore Cal-Irvine and Tulane uniforms; 6-5 soph Elden Irving, a New Orleans native; and 6-7 soph Mike Smith.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Just like the secret to making great jambalaya, Coach Benny Dees knows the formula for success for the Privateers this season is the manner in which his team blends together. New faces and new styles in New Orleans probably means another

season of struggling to hit the break even mark.

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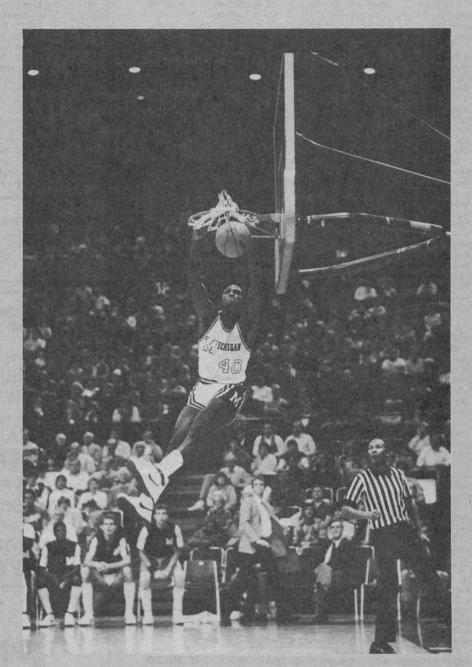
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Forward Richard Rellford hopes to help Michigan slam dunk any and all Big Ten opponents this season.

# Big Ten

#### Illinois (26-9)

#### Starters Returning-5

Schedule-Above Avg.

The Illini are in a rut! But what a rut! Most of the hoop squads in the Free World would give their last pair of sneakers to be in such a rut. Consider - six straight post-season tourneys, better than 20 wins a season for the past nine years. 24 straight victories at home, etc. etc. And with all five starters from last year's NCAA regional semifinalists, it looks like Coach Lou Henson's club just might stay in that familiar and

very enviable rut!

Start right out in the backcourt, where seniors 6-4 Doug Altenberger and 6-3 Bruce Douglas form one of the finest backline duos in the nation. Altenberger was the MVP of last season's team, netting 11.3 ppg with 3.6 rebounds. Douglas did him a bit better, earning the Big Ten's co-MVP award and being chosen as the loop's top defensive player. He hit for 7.9 points a game, snared 3.1 reebs, dished off 200 times and paced the league in steals with 85. If that dynamic duo needs any help, it'll come from 5-10 junior Tony Wysinger (3.8), a second team Small All-American, 6-4 soph Glynn Blackwell (2.5), 6-2 senior Reggie Woodward (2.4) and super shooting frosh recruit

6-1 Curtis Taylor, an All-Stater from Syracuse, N.Y.

"Dynamic duo" may be overused, but it certainly describes forwards Efrem Winters and Anthony Welch, both seniors, both 6-9 and both damn good! Winters combines size, strength and quickness to epitomize the "power forward," already ranking in the Illini all-time top 10 in scoring and rebounding. He averaged 10.0 ppg a year ago, led the club in board pounding with 7.2 caroms an outing and registered 32 blocked shots. Welch was Henson's ace point producer, averaging 11.9 a game in a well-rounded Illini attack. He was also second to Winters in rebouding with 5.4 a game. Ah, but there's more in the persons of 6.8 junior Ken Norman (7.8/3.7) and 6-10 senior Scott Meents (5.5/3.2), who shared pivot duties a year ago. Norman was a superstar over the season's final six games, netting 17.3 points an outing with 9.2 reebs. The Illini can also call on a pair of soph seven-footers from West Germany who redshirted last winter, Olaf Blab and Jens Kujawa, with another redshirt, 6-7 senior Dee Maras, and prep All-America newcomer 6-7 Lowell Hamilton from Chicago ready and very capable of answering Lou Henson's call.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lou Henson certainly ain't complaining about the rut his club is in, but he'll be very upset if IIlinois doesn't continue their phenomenal streak of success this winter. Talented and deep in frontcourt and back, the Fightin' Illini have to be on everyone's charts as one of the solid favorites to take the Big Ten and make a run at the top in

the NCAAs.

#### Michigan (26-4)

#### Starters Returning-5

Schedule-Above Avg.

Bill Frieder's in the same kind of situation Casey Stengel was with those great old Yankee teams of yesteryear! All Frieder's gotta do is point out the opposition to his Wolverines and turn 'em loose. With all the talent he's got available, Michigan's effort this year could make last winter's 26-4 log look like a "downer!"

Frieder's frontcourt is filled with veterans looking to continue Michigan's success record in their senior collegiate campaign. In the middle, 6-11 Roy Tarpley (19.0/10.4) hopes to repeat the output that netted him the Big Ten MVP award, a unanimous selection by the way. Tarpley topped the conference in rebounding and was third in point production. The potential All-American will again be flanked by 6-6 swingman Richard Rellford (11.4/4.2) and 6-8 Butch Wade (6.2/7.1), who finished sixth in the conference in pounding the boards. Senior 6-9 Robert Henderson (5.1/4.1) is the first off the bench and can

play in the pivot or on the flank.

Junior Antoine Joubert and 6-3 soph Gary Grant are the headliners in the backcourt and the leaders of Michigan's fast break. The 6-5 Joubert (13.4) and Grant were both second team all-league picks a year ago while finishing second and third on the Big Ten assists chart with 164 and 140 feeds, respectively. Grant's super rookie campaign earned him the unanimous selection as Big Ten "freshman of the year." Junior 6-1 Garde Thompson (4.5) adds shooting spark and court savvy as the third quard.

Most of Michigan's reserve strength will come from its class of recruits, which many have ranked among the top five in College Basketball. The emphasis was on big men, the newcomers being 6-7 Glen Rice, 6-9 Loy Vaught, 6-8 Mark Hughes, 6-9 J.P. Oosterbaan and 6-6 Mike Griffin. Rice was Michigan's "Mr. Basketball" his final scholastic season, while all of the Wolverine frosh newcomers averaged better than 24 points a game and rebounded in double figures. The lone backline recruit, 6-3 Billy Butts, brings a 25.1 ppg scholastic

average to the Big Ten.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Wolverines are definitely on a roll! The Big M won the NIT title in '84, a school record 26 games last season enroute to the NCAAs and looks ahead to '85-'86 with an experienced and talented aggregation bolstered by a simply outstanding recruiting harvest. While it seems there's little left to accomplish for Bill Frieder's boys after picking up the school's first league title since '77, winning 17 consecutive games and setting all sorts of records, there's more than a few Wolverine groupies talking in whispered tones about the season ahead. While we can't hear all their mutterings from this far away, a phrase that does keep popping up is "Final Four ... Final Four ... Final Four!"

#### Indiana (19-14)

#### Starters Returning-4

Schedule-Above Avg.

The Hoosiers were a team last season that relied on shooting - winning 18 of 22 games in which they shot 50% or better. But they couldn't overcome lack of strength, quickness, defense and rebounding as Indiana plunged to a 7th place ranking in the Big Ten. The Hoosiers did, however, finish the season on a high note with a second place showing in the NIT Championship. With four returning starters bolstered by several solid newcomers, Coach Bobby Knight's charges are primed to charge back into the Big Ten's upper echelon.

Leading the way will be junior guard Steve Alford, who led the team with his 18.1 scoring average. Other experienced guards back in the fold are 6-1 senior Stew Robinson (6.1), 6-4 soph Delray Brooks (3.6), 6-4 senior Winston Morgan (5.2) and 6-7 soph Kreigh Smith (3.1). Morgan and Smith also see a lot of time at forward. So do 6-6 soph Steve Eyl (4.8), 6-7 junior Daryl Thomas (5.5) and 6-8 soph Brian Sloan. All, however, may witness both starting forward slots being filled by two super recruits — 6-7 JUCO transfer Andre Harris and frosh sensation Ricky Calloway, a 6-6 whirlwind who was one of the top 25 high school players in the nation last year.

Another JUCO transfer, 6-10 Todd Jadlow, will make his presence felt in the pivot. He figures to battle 6-8 junior Todd Meier (2.6) for starting rights at center. Meier, who backstopped the graduated Uwe Blab last season, could also see time

at forward, as he did a year ago.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's no secret that Bobby Knight wants to get back on top in the Big Ten. And he will - but not this year! The Hoosiers are a young squad that'll get better as the season progresses, but they won't be good enough to overcome those bullies from Illinois and Michigan. The absolute best we see Indiana doing is carving a third place conference finish.

#### Ohio St (20-10)

Starters Returning-2

Schedule-Above Avg.

When three-year guard regulars Troy Taylor and Ronnie Stokes picked up their sheepskins, Buckeye cage mentor Eldon Miller had the same feeling you get when your ol' hound dog passes on to the Great Kennel in the Sky. Finding the right combo for his backline is Miller's foremost project as the '85-'86 tipoff approaches.

Taylor and Stokes rank among the all-time OSU leaders in scoring, assists, steals and games played, and their departure leaves Miller with only one "experienced" performer, 6-5 soph Scott Anderson, who has almost enough fingers and toes on which to count his minutes of game time. Enter 6-1 soph Curtis Wilson and 6-0 soph Kip Lomax, both of whom sat out last season but showed earlier they can play the game. Also high on the coach's list of backcourt prospects is 6-0 frosh Jay Burson, Ohio's all-time leading prep scorer. At the off guard, exforward Dennis Hopson (9.8/4.7) at 6-5 could give the Buckeyes the big guard they haven't had in recent years.

There's no problem in the middle, where 7-0 Brad Sellers (15.6/8.8) is back for his senior season. An All-America candidate, Sellers had 90 blocked shots last year, proving his value on both ends of the court. Sellers can play the pivot or at forward, as can 6-9 soph John Anderson (1.4/1.3) and 6-9 Keith Wesson (1.3/0.7), who's said to be fully recovered from knee surgery. Junior 6-7 Clarence McGee (3.9/2.6) rounds out the experienced frontliners, with redshirt frosh 6-9 Joe Dumas and recruits 6-5 Jerry Francis and 6-7 Tony White also expected to get a good look. Francis is particularly promising because of his prowess as a board banger.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Buckeyes have made it to the NCAAs three out of the last four seasons, and they could do it again this time around. Eldon Miller's got a batch of talent on this club, especially in the paint, but he could have trouble figuring out the right combination. If the veteran mentor can get a backcourt due to click, Ohio State, as usual, will be tough to beat.

#### lowa (21-11)

Starters Returning-2

Schedule-Above Avg.

lowa has been standing tall in the world of College Basketball for the last half dozen years or so, but Coach George Raveling has plenty of work ahead of him in '85-'86 if the Hawkeyes are to chalk up another 20-plus victory campaign.

The "Twin Towers" are gone from the Hawkeye lineup, and replacing 6-10 Greg Stokes and 6-11 Michael Payne is Raveling's first priority. Stokes is lowa's all-time leading scorer, and he and Payne were co-MVPs last year. Back in the fold is veteran 6-8 junior Gerry Wright (9.7/6.2), who earned all-league honors last winter, but the key man in the front court will be seven-foot junior redshirt Brad Lohaus, who averaged seven points and five caroms a game back in 1982-83. Soph 6-8 Al Lorenzen (6.2/3.9), last year's top reserve, could earn a starting role. Also making a bid will be 6-6 soph letterman Kent Hill (2.3/1.8) and frosh signee 6-8 Ed Horton, a prep All-American.

Returning for his senior season in the backcourt is 6-4 Andre Banks (6.6), who was All-Big Ten after dishing off on 104 occasions last year. Soph 6-3 Jeff Moe (7.7/80 assists), who started 24 games as a frosh, is also back in action. Another scholastic A-A, 6-5 Roy Marble, is available after shooting nearly 60 percent from the field and averaging close to 28 points a game his final high school campaign. Toss in frosh point guard 6-1 B.J. Armstrong and 6-7 JUCO swingman Kevin Gamble along with sophs 6-2 Michael Reaves and 6-7 Bill Jones (4.2) and the Hawkeye backline is in great condition.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: lowa enjoyed a high ranking in the polls and the Big Ten midway through last year before folding down the stretch. There's no doubt George Raveling's charges will win four contests this season to boost lowa over the 1,000 all-time victory mark, but a repeat of last winter's overall success will really take some doing.

#### Michigan St (19-10)

Starters Returning-2

Schedule-Above Avg.

A quick look by a casual observer might lead to a forecast that Jud Heathcote's Spartans are in for a lean season, given the loss of All-America guard Sam Vincent and two other regulars. A closer investigation, however, tells the trained eyes at **GAMEPLAN** that MSU has all the potential in the world to be a Big Ten contender in 1985-86.

Expected to take over most of the scoring responsibilities left when Vincent became a first round NBA draftee is 6-1 senior shooter Scott Skiles, whose 17.7 ppg average was second only to Vincent's 23-point-an-outing output a year ago. Skiles also found time to lead the club in assists with 168 and steals with 48. Junior 6-2 Darryl Johnson (5.3) returns to the backline, while JC "player of the year" 6-6 Vernon Carr joins the Spartans for what could be a three-guard offensive setup. Carr netted nearly 20 points a game while averaging 10 rebounds and 10 assists a game at Highland Park (Mich.) JC. Heathcote's newcomers also include 6-0 Mark Brown, Michigan's all-time leading prep scorer who pumped 'em home at a 35 ppg rate; 6-4 Keith Hill, an All-Texas second teamer; and swingman 6-5 Todd Wolfe, an all-state choice from Illinois.

In uniform for his final campaign as a Spartan will be 6-8 forward Larry Polec (8.7/4.4), while 6-11, 245-pound redshirt frosh Mario Izzo will be the probable starter at center. Senior 6-8 Ralph Walker (2.3/1.4), 6-6 soph Carlton Valentine (1.6/1.2), 6-8 Barry Fordham (1.1/0.6) and 6-6 senior Greg Vanek offer letterwinning help under the hoop and will compete for the other regular berth. Their challengers for court time will be a couple of redshirt freshmen, 6-9 Jim Sarkine and 6-8 Scott Sekal, plus frosh recruit 6-9 David Mueller, Wisconsin's "Mr. Basketball" his final high school campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: "Potential" is indeed the label that dominates a look-see at the '85-'86 Spartans, but we've got to be realistic. While there's talent a-plenty in East Lansing, the chances of even such an outstanding coach as Jud Heathcote pulling it all together in one season are remote. Look for MSU to play better ball this winter as the season progresses while vaulting back into the role of legitimate contender for the 1986-87 hardwood campaign.

#### Purdue (20-9)

Starters Returning—1

Schedule-Above Avg.

Winning hardwood campaigns have been a Purdue tradition for years, and even though the Boilermakers must overcome the loss of four starters from last year's NCAA team, you can bet your stuffed rendition of Boilermaker Pete that Gene Keady's club will keep up their end of that bargain.

Eight returning lettermen and five promising newcomers are the basis for Purdue fans expecting another nationally competitive team. Keady will rebuild this year's squad around sophs 6-4 guard Troy Lewis and 6-7 forward Todd Mitchell, both of whom played on the Olympic Developmental Team over the summer. Lewis (10.4) is the club's top returning scorer and will likely join incumbent backliner 6-1 Mack Gadis (7.7), one of only two seniors on the club. Soph 6-2 Everette Stephens (2.3) will get some playing time, as will frosh recruit 6-6 Tony Patterson and Texas A&M transfer 6-5 junior Doug Lee, who averaged 5.1 points a game while starting for the Aggies.

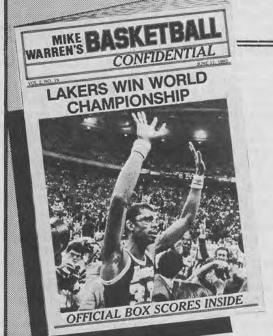
Mitchell will key the frosh in rebounding a also scored nearly so points an outing. The Boilermakers got a bad break when 84.785 starter Robert Littlejohn lost a battle of the books, but a batch of youngsters should be able to fill in. The brightest light may be 6-7 frosh Kip Jones, who pumped in 30.0 ppg and grabbed 13.8 reebs his final high school season. There's also 6-9 Melvin McCants, 6-9 Ryan Berning and holdover veterans 6-5 senior Herb Robinson (2.4/1.8), 6-6 soph Dave Stack and 6-10 soph Jeff Arnold (1.3/0.9).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Purdue's two seniors will carry the heavy load of leadership early as Gene Keady goes with youngsters in an effort to keep Boilermakers' skein of big

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seasons intact. He's got the talent to be sure, but it's anyone's guess if these newcomers will grow up fast enough to get Purdue to its eighth consecutive post-season tourney.

#### Minnesota (13-15)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-4

Minnesota lost only one starter from last year's club, but the graduated Tommy Davis was the Gophers' number four alltime scorer and the most productive guard in U of M history. Filling those big sneakers, then, is Coach Jim Dutcher's primary concern if Minny is to get back on the plus side of .500.

Davis pumped in 19.1 ppg a year ago for the Gophers, and Dutcher will look to a pair of holdovers and a couple of rookies to fill that void. Senior 6-1 Marc Wilson netted 10.7 points an outing a year ago while leading the Gophers in assists for the past three years, 70 feeds coming last winter. Todd Alexander, a 5-11 soph, had a fine freshman campaign, netting 7.5 points a game, chalking up 55 assists and pacing the Gophers with 29 steals. Dutcher's signees for the upcoming year include 6-2 freshman Ray Faffney, and 6-3 JC transfer Mark Anderson, both of whom are regarded as fine shooters.

Dutcher will also try to get more scoring punch out of his big man in the middle, 7-0 senior center John Shasky, who potted 13.6 markers a game last season and led the team in boardpounding with 6.8 caroms a contest. He'll be supported by two more seven-footers, junior Paul VanDenEinde (1.3/0.8) and redshirt soph Dave Homgren. Just as was the case a year ago, the situation at forward is a bit cloudy, although 6-7 junior Kevin Smith has the most experience and leads the potential starters for this season. He scored at a 6.7 pace a year ago while clearing nearly four rebounds a game before being shelved with injuries. Soph 6-9 Mitch Lee started 15 games as a yearling and averaged 5.2 points per assignment with 4.9 reebs. He forecasts as the power forward of the future for the Gophers. Soph 6-9 George Williams (3.8/3.0) showed steady improvement and started seven games late last year, while 6-5 soph Tim Hanson (1.8/2.1) fills in very nicely as Coach

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Dutcher's primary swing man. Also in the picture are newcomers 6-7 frosh Kelvin Smith and 6-5 JUCO product Terence Woods.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Experience will be the strong suit for the Golden Gophers this fall, as Jim Dutcher embarks on lucky season number eleven as the U of M head man. Standout guard Tommy Davis will be missed without question, but there appears to be enough talent to at least cover that loss. In the front court, a big year is needed from pivot man Shasky. The Gophers will once again be a competitive club, and only a disastrous effort would prevent them from reversing last winter's log and getting back to a winning record.

#### Wisconsin (14-14)

Starters Returning-3 Schedule-Above Avg.

Taking it a step at a time, the Badgers have improved on their Big Ten mark in each of Steve Yoder's three seasons as head coach. A solid nucleus of returning starters plus an experienced cadre of holdovers should mean a little more pro-

gress this time around.

Yoder's main man will be All-America hopeful 6-1 senior guard Rick Olson, last season's top point producer at 16.7 markers an outing. He's headed for a high ranking in Wisconsin's all-time point parade. Rejoining him on the backline will be 6-3 junior Mike Heineman (7.2/4.7), the club's pacesetter with 111 feeds a year ago. Frosh recruit 6-1 Trent Jackson, an all-stater from Illinois, will compete with 6-0 soph Shelton Smith (3.9) and 5-10 soph Don Harris for playing time.

Restructuring his under-the-hoop gang is Yoder's top priority, with only 6-7 junior J.J. Weber (7.4/5.8) holding over on the frontline. Weber was the Badger's most improved performer a year ago and the club's top rebounder. With center John Ploss and high scoring forward Scott Roth having graduated, the other baseline jobs are up for grabs. Challenging for court time are seniors 6-8 Gregg Steinhaus (3.5/1.9) and 6-8 Robert Barnes (4.7/3.5), 6-7 junior Rod Ripley (2.7/2.5), 6-8 senior Jay Laszewski (2.6/2.0) and a frosh recruiting harvest that includes 6-9 Darin Schubring, 6-9 Rob Willey, 6-7 Pollis Robertson and 6-6 Tom Grafton. Schubring could help right away after averaging better than 16 points and 13 rebounds his final high school year and earning Wisconsin all-state recognition.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Wisconsin's break-even slate last year was the school's best hardwood effort in five seasons, and the progress seems to be slow but steady under Steve Yoder's tutelage. A couple more league wins and a peek over the .500 mark seem possible in '85-'86, but only if some of

those good-looking newcomers grow up in a hurry.

#### Northwestern (6-22)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—2

You wouldn't go hunting elephants with a slingshot, so when the Wildcats attacked the nation's toughest schedule with a gang that couldn't shoot straight, the resulting 6-22 out-

come was inevitable! Coach Rich Falk's 'cats have been among the nation's Top 10 in scoring defense, but last year they averaged just 53.9 points a game and shot a horrendous 41.3 percent from the field. The 'cats top returning scorer is 6-2 junior off guard Elliot Fullen, who averaged 9.8 points an outing. Junior 6-1 Shawn Watts (7.7) is the leading contender at the point, where he's a two-year starter who last season registered 106 assists and a team-high 45 steals. Soph 6-4 Milan Petrovic (2.7) showed improvement during his rookie season, as did 6-0 senior Roy Dixon (1.4). Frosh newcomers are Indiana's "Mr. Basketball," 6-3 Jeff Grose, and Indianapolis all-star 6-4 Terry Boford. Grose bucketed nearly 28 points a game as he earned all-state and All-America honors his final scholastic season.

With all three of last season's starters having picked up their diplomas, Northwestern will present a decidedly younger frontline this time around. Redshirt senior 7-0 Brian Pitts could be the key to the 'cats inside game. A proven defensive performer, Pitts needs to improve his scoring output if the Wildcats are to make any kind of a move up in the Big Ten. He'll compete with 6-10 soph Shon Morris (6.2/3.0), who was chosen to last winter's Big Ten All-Freshman team. At small

forward, 6-5 senior Joe Flanagan (1.6/0.9) is the lone returning letterman, and there'll be a major league shootout for the regular's role. Certain to get a good look-see from Coach Falk are 6-5 junior Tim Wyss, and 6-7 junior Chris Berg. Wyss, who sat out last season after transferring from Eastern Illinois, netted 31.0 points a game as a high schooler. Berg was a starter as a freshman but played only six contests a year ago before injuring his knee and undergoing surgery. Soph 6-9 Bo Cucuz showed progress during his rookie season, and he'll battle freshmen 6-9 Brian Schwabe and 6-7 Rocky Saviano for playing time. Schwabe won Washington's "Mr. Basketball" award,

while Saviano was a teammate of fellow frosh Grose on Indiana's all-state first team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Northwestern will continue to feature defense this season as the 'cats try to get their shooting percentage up to a competitive level. Coach Rich Falk has done an excellent job of recruiting talent, but Northwestern has to get some marksmen working on the perimeter in order to give their young insiders a chance to develop. A finish deep in the Big Ten's second division again appears to be the order of the day for the boys from Evanston.

# Midwestern City

#### Loyola (Chi.) (27-6)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Above Avg.

If you look strictly at the numbers, you've gotta believe there's no way Loyola can even come close to duplicating last year's standout NCAA season. Hell, the loss of superstars Alfredrick "The Great" Hughes, Andre Battle and Greg Williams robs this year's Ramblers of better than 51 points a game, nearly 20 rebounds per outing and a ton of assists.

But listen to no less an authority than Billy Packer, who said on national TV, "With Carl Golston, Andre Moore and all that Chicago-bred talent, Gene Sullivan will have a strong team again next year." Billy's right, for sure, as the 5-9 senior Golston will be a leading candidate for the Naismith Award as the nation's outstanding collegiate player under 6 feet. A first team Small All-American, he's scored 1,058 points and dished out 473 assists in just two years at Loyola, 305 of those feeds coming last season. Senior 6-5 swingman Mike Cenar (2.4/1.2) is a fine outside shooter, while 6-6 junior Bobby Clark (1.1) also has the ability to win a regular job. Soph 6-1 Keith Carter (1.3) can play either point or off guard, while 6-3 junior Bernard Jackson is a JC import who was formerly Chicago's prep player of the year. Redshirt soph 6-5 Chris Funchess is being looked at as a possible replacement for Battle's outside shooting, while frosh newcomer 6-3 David Knight is another Chicagoan who earned all-state honors in high school.

Also adding to the Rambler firepower this season will be 6-9 junior center Andre Moore (11.0/10.3), who topped the MCC in blocks (66) and rebounding. A great leaper, Moore has been compared to ex-DePaul and now pro star Terry Cummings. Then there's 6-6 senior Ivan Young (3.1/2.9), last year's top frontcourt reserve, plus 6-7 junior Stephond Robinson, who needs to bulk up a bit if he's to do battle under the boards. Redshirt soph 6-6 Antoine Johnson is also a solid leaper. Junior 6-8 Bryan Boyle, a transfer from lowa, will help Loyola off the glass when he becomes eligible at mid-year, while Coach Sullivan is higher than a kite about incoming frosh 6-6 Gerald Hayward, a Chicago all-star who some say can be as good as the graduated Alfredrick Hughes.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Loyola is still hungry for the adulation that goes with victories in the NCAAs, but Gene Sullivan's crew is going to find it tough chewing this winter. We agree with Mister Packer that Loyola's still a good club, but a very difficult schedule that includes such talents as DePaul, Illinois and Virginia plus MCC rivals Xavier, Butler and Detroit will make it nearly impossible for the Ramblers to put together another season like '84-'85.

#### Xavier (16-13)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

Pete Gillen is about to embark on a coach's dream! The former Notre Dame assistant named to succeed Bob Staak inherits five returning starters, four of them seniors and the other last winter's top scorer and frosh phenom. Aside from a lifetime multi-million-dollar contract, what else could a coach want!

Let's start with the Musketeer backcourt, which will feature

the school's first frosh All-American (6-3 soph Byron Larkin) and 1984 All-NIT choice 6-3 senior Ralph Lee. Larkin, the MCC's frosh of the year, pumped in 17.0 points a game and added 43 steals. Lee, who had 54 steals and a 7.7 scoring average, will again direct the Xavier offense and multiple defensive setups from the point. The rest of the backline contingent includes 6-4 junior Leroy Greenidge (4.1), 6-4 soph Joe Bowman and 6-0 freshman Mike Cobb.

In the middle, 6-8 Eddie Johnson (8.6/5.2) got plenty of help from flankmen 6-6 Richie Harris (15.4/5.2) and 6-5 Walt McBride (13.1/5.5), all three of them back for their final XU campaign and ready to wind up their collegiate careers in a post-season tourney. Seasoned senior veterans 6-9 John Kelley and 6-9 Andy Donnelly (3.7/3.3) work well coming off the bench, and freshmen newcomers 6-6 Kelly Williamson, a shooter from Baltimore, and 6-8 power forward Mike Ramey, an Ohio all-stater, will help immediately in the paint.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Xavier started off last season with five new starters — one of 'em a freshman — but soon showed the College Basketball world there's no substitute for talent. The club wound up the season as perhaps the nation's finest team that wasn't picked to advance to post-season action. That won't happen this time around! If XU stays relatively healthy and shows even a tad of what playing together for a year can mean to a team, you're talking Top Twenty and NCAA for the Musketeers this winter!

#### Detroit (16-12)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Titans turned it around last season, rallying from an 8-20 log two years back to post Detroit's first winning year since 1980. And Coach Don Sicko is hoping that success story will be the springboard for another solid effort out of his 1985-86 hardwood aggregation.

Detroit's only graduation loss claimed two-time scoring leader and All-MCC guard Keith Gray, which means the Titans will emphasize one of the Midwest's best forward tandems this time around — 6-6 senior Greg Wendt and 6-7 junior Brian Humes. A transfer from Duke, Wendt finished runnerup in the conference's newcomer of the year balloting, leading U-D in rebounding (7.4) and steals (45) while finishing second in scoring (15.8) and third in assists (89). Humes was the Titans' top shooter (56.5 percent) and also led the club in blocked shots (40), was second in reebs (4.5) and third in scoring (13.4). In the middle, Sicko will again go with the combo of 6-9 senior centers Willis "Stretch" Carter and Lou Rainge. Between them in '85, they averaged a credible 10.4 ppg and 6.2 rebounds. Available for relief work under the hoop are ex-starter 6-6 junior swingman Bryan Doss (5.0/2.5), 6-7 soph Lenard Collins and 6-7 frosh Dan Kennedy, a two-time Michigan all-stater.

The Titan backcourt will feature three-year regular 6-0 senior Kevin McAdoo, who moved into third place on the all-time U-D assist charts with 399 through last season. He also netted 7.3 points an outing. Taking over for all-leaguer Gray will be either swingman Doss or U-D's prize recruit, 6-4 John McIntyre, another two-time Michigan all-stater who averaged nearly 30 points a game his senior high school season. Soph 6-2 Archie

Tullos (3.6) figures as a backcourt reliever.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Titans missed the glory last season by just "that much," and there could be no stopping this gang this time around. Don Sicko's boys have to be regarded as serious challengers in the MCC — unless, of course, you don't think talent, size, speed, hustle and good coaching counts toward winning basketball games!

#### Butler (19-10)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average

Optimism is the prevailing sentiment in the Bulldog camp, and why not? After all, last year's 19 wins were the most for Butler since 1961-62 and the 'dogs are hoping the season-ending eight-game victory skein carries over into this year's tipoff.

Three more reasons for optimism are the return of last winter's leading pointmakers — 5-9 guard Darrin Fitzgerald and the forward duo of 6-6 Chad Tucker and 6-4 Tony Gallahar, all juniors. All-MCC first teamer Tucker led the club in scoring (19.8) and was second in rebounding (5.9) while being one of only 11 players in the nation to top 50 percent (51.7) in field goal accuracy and 80 percent (82.3) from the charity stripe. Gallahar's numbers were 9.3 in scoring and 4.8 caroms a contest, while the diminutive Fitzgerald popped for 15.7 points per game, had 60 steals and dished off on 115 occasions, just 11 feeds shy of Butler's single season record.

That's all well and good, but the dark clouds on Butler's horizon are the need to replace the graduated Tim Haseley and Mike Burt, last year's best board-banger and defensive player, respectively. The junior pair of 6-8 Mike Harper (1.3/1.7) and 6-8 Mike Yeater will battle for Haseley's spot in the pivot, along with 6-10 junior Pat Dickman, a transfer from Tennessee-Chattanooga who'll become eligible in January. Burt's replacement will likely be one of two newcomers, 6-2 Chris "Goose" Givens, an import from Jamestown JC, or 6-5 frosh Darren Fowlkes.

Providing capable relief work in the paint will be 6-6 soph Johnny Jones (1.5/1.3) and 6-7 senior Greg Mackey, while seniors 6-1 Mark Beam and 6-2 Ken Croner will vie for playing time in the backcourt.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: They say that when you get to the top there's no place to go but down, and that's probably the outlook for Butler this year. To be sure, the Buildogs of Coach Joe Sexson will be a tough club, but last year's super NIT season appears to be just too tough an act to follow.

#### Evansville (13-16)

Starters Returning - 3 Schedule - Above Avg.

Bobby Knight-trained assistants have branched out successfully to head coaching jobs across the nation, and now it's Evansville's turn to be optimistic. Welcome, Jim Crews, who'll try to make Knight look good again as Crews works to rebuild the Aces' program.

Crews inherits a club that'll feature a trio of three-year lettermen and a host of youngsters. The Aces' upper class experience includes 6-7 forward Bubby Mukes, 6-8 center-forward Paul Schaefer and 6-3 guard Mike Massing. Mukes carried the Aces offensively through the first half of last season, eventually winding up with a 15.9 ppg average along with 4.3 caroms. Schaefer's stats showed a 4.9 average with 2.9 rebounds, and he'll have to shoulder most of the responsibility for replacing last year's All-MCC pivot Richie Johnson, the club's top scorer and rebounder. Massing (5.7) got his moment in the spotlight last season as he notched a career-high 18 points in Evansville's big upset of Nebraska.

Looking for more game action will be soph guards 6-1 Michael Bradley (3.9) and 6-2 Curtis Jackson (5.8), both of whom played well at times a year ago. Two more sophs, 6-5 Chris Schafer and 6-6 Jim Jacobs, are capable of playing up front or on the back line, but neither has seen that much actual combat. The only other "vet" available is 6-7 forward Craig Wesemeyer, but he's been limited to just one minute of playing time the past two years due to knee injuries.

To put the frosting on a cake that's baked with inexperience is a frosh harvest that includes Illinois products 6-4 Joe

Jackson, 6-9 Dan Godfread and 6-7 Larry Brand, Hoosiers 6-7 Chris Bomba and 6-2 Troy Jones plus 6-8 Coloradan Eric Friehauf.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: New skipper Jim Crews has just the barest touch of veteran savvy around which to reconstruct his Evansville five, and his task is akin to trying to rebuild the Pyramids with only a kitchen spoon. Even with veterans like Mukes, Schaefer and Massing, Evansville's gonna find out that three Aces ain't enough.

#### St. Louis (13-15)

Starters Returning — 2 Schedule — Average

Rich Grawer's first Billiken batch three seasons back won just five games, but it's been steady improvement since that time. And 1985-86 could be the best of Grawer's short tenure — if some of the SLU newcomers live up to their lofty advance billings.

The biggest name to don Billiken blue and white this campaign will be 6-4 frosh guard Monroe Douglass, who earned Missouri's "Mr. Basketball" title on the strength of a senior scholastic season that showed averages of 26.5 ppg, 14.5 reebs and 7.8 assists. He'll compete with veterans 5-7 senior Darryl "Pee Wee" Lenard (7.8/45 assists) and 6-1 senior Kevin Williams (3.7), third all-time at SLU with 233 assists. Ex-Kansas State cager Jim Roder, a 6-4 junior, is also available after averaging 8.7 ppg and 5.6 assists as a soph in the Big Eight.

In the middle, the competition is just beginning to replace the graduated Abdur Rahiim Al Matiin, one of last year's most dominant big men in the MCC. Junior 6-9 Redditt Hudson (2.6/1.4) will give it a shot, but the hopefuls here include 7-0 frosh David King, transfer 6-10 Darryl Wesley, plus seniors 6-7 Jamie Thomas and 6-8 Melroy Butler, two of the Billikens' strongest players.

The rest of the Billiken front court will be drawn from the likes of 6-6 soph Tony Brown, who was averaging 10.6 ppg before a knee injury put him on the bench last year; 6-7 soph Dale Renken (5.7/4.4) and 6-5 junior Paul Jansen (2.6/1.6). Also pitching for playing time will be 6-6 soph Ted Mimlitz, a perimeter gunner who transferred from Missouri, and 6-5 frosh Roland Gray, who averaged 22.5 ppg and led St. Louis area prepsters with 18.4 reebs per game during his final high school campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Rich Grawer sees both salvation and consternation in the six new faces he'll have in Billiken uniforms. They have the potential to be fine players, but they'll also be subject to the erratic play that often accompanies newcomers to college basketball. Nevertheless, GAMEPLAN sees the Billikens as very capable of moving up in the MCC this time around.

#### Oral Roberts (15-15)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

"New" is the big word at ORU, where new Coach Ted Owens will dress a bunch of new faces in new uniforms and teach them a new brand of basketball in time for this year's tipoff.

Seven seniors have departed the Titans via graduation, three of whom were drafted by NBA clubs. The graduates accounted for 65.3 points per game, more than 87 percent of the team's scoring, so Owens knows he's got a big chore ahead of him.

The lone returnee to the starting lineup is guard Willie Irons, a 6-2 soph who earned MCC all-frosh honors last year. He paced the team in assists with 92 while averaging 5.1 ppg. Also back is 6-2 junior Mark Wilson (2.1), who spent most of his time drawing the tough defensive assignments.

On the inside, where the Acres Boys ruled the roost the last four years, Owens will call on 6-6 juniors Brian Miles (2.7/1.4) and Akin Akin-Otiko (3.0/1.8), both of whom saw plenty of action a year ago. Also available for work underneath is 6-8 soph Michael Obaseki (1.0/0.8), who like Akin-Otiko is a native of Nigeria.

Two of ORU's transfers are "prodigal sons," both 6-4 soph big guard Woody Jones and 6-6 junior forward Kip Brown having attended Oral Roberts before switching to Moorpark JC. They're back after combining for more than 40 points per gamelast season. A pair of New Yorkers, 6-8 junior center Greg Khaleel from Wagner and 5-11 soph guard Tony Merriweather from Erie CC, are looking for playing time, as are incoming freshmen 6-6 William Davis and 6-9 Steve Phyfe. Both become Titans after being player of the year in their home state, Davis from Kansas and Phyfe from Iowa.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ted Owens comes to ORU from Kansas, where in 19 seasons he piloted the Jayhawks to nine post-season appearances. He's put together a lifetime mark of 348-182, but 1985-86 doesn't look to be one that'll help increase that winning percentage. ORU couldn't do better than break even last year with Acres of senior talent, so if they improve on that this time out it'll be more amazing than discovering that ORU founder Oral Roberts is an atheist!

# Independent

#### Notre Dame (21-9)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

A strong senior class and last year's "College Freshman of the Year" have Digger Phelps giggling in ecstacy as he contemplates his 15th season as head coach of the Fighting Irish.

Digger's upperclassmen who'll be looking for a good NCAA showing as a graduation present include pivot 6-9 Tim Kempton, forwards 6-10 Ken Barlow and 6-8 Jim Dolan plus 6-5 swingman Joseph Price, all three-year letter winners. The 245-pound Kempton (7.1/4.8) will provide the muscle under the bucket, while Barlow will contend for all-star honors after hitting for 14.6 ppg a year ago with a team-high 6.5 caroms per outing. Dolan (4.3/4.6) can play anywhere he's needed up front. Junior 6-7 Donald Royal (9.1/5.5) used his quickness and jump-

ing ability to not only win a starting spot but also ND's most improved player award a year ago. The newest Irishman is 6-7 frosh Sean Connor, who averaged nearly 29 points and 10 reebs a game as an Illinois high schooler.

The leading light on the backline is soph guard 6-0 David Rivers, whose 15.8-point-per-game average and 127 assists earned him ranking as College Basketball's frosh of the season last winter. At the shooting guard slot, the Irish are looking for more consistent performances from Price (5.3/1.8) and 6-4 junior Scott Hicks (8.8/3.7), who blossomed early while paired with Rivers. Soph 6-4 Jeff Peters (1.7) will be looking for more backline game time, while Digger's frosh harvest includes 6-5 shooting guard Mark Stevenson, a Parade All-American who averaged 23.1 points and 11.2 rebounds per game during his final scholastic season in Philly. Fellow recruit 6-3 Indiana all-state point guard Michael Smith also knows how to put the ball through the hoop, as evidenced by his 22.3 average at LaSalle HS in South Bend.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: After two years in the NIT, Notre Dame got back to the NCAA "biggies" last season — and there's little doubt this club will be a contender for national honors this time out. Digger Phelps' Irish are rock solid throughout the lineup, with plenty of veteran performers and future superstars like young backcourter Rivers. Another 20-win season is almost a certainty as Digger closes in on 300 career victories as a head coach.

#### **DePaul** (19-10)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

For the first time in four years, the Blue Demons will tip off a hardwood season without Tyrone Corbin and Kenny Patterson, but don't think for a moment that DePaul is a basketball hasbeen because of that fact.

Coach Joey Meyer, whose 19 victories in his rookie coaching season tied a school record, will do some juggling to make up for the loss of Corbin and Patterson, both now residing in the

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NBA. Stats show Corbin paced the club in scoring (15.8) and rebounding (8.1) from his small forward slot, while Patterson was second in the point parade (10.9) while leading the team in assists (201) and steals (79). There's still a veteran or two in the frontline who'll be called on to pick up the scoring load left by Corbin's departure. Pivot Marty Embry is a 6-9, 240-pound bruiser of a senior who averaged 8.3 points and 6.4 caroms a game. The club's tallest player is 6-11 senior Lemone Lampley (3.2/1.9), while multi-talented 6-9 junior Dallas Comegys will be at the other forward berth. Comegys bucketed nearly 12 points a game and picked off 4.5 reebs, while blocking 51 shots a year ago. He can play in the middle, at power forward or small forward. Skywalker 6-8 Kevin Holmes (7.0/4.3) is back in uniform for his final season and is looking for a more consistent performance throughout the upcoming campaign. Rounding out the front line are 6-8 soph Kevin Golden and freshman 6-6 Stanley Brundy, a sharpshooter from Los Angeles.

There's a mixture of talent in the DePaul backcourt, starting with 6-5 senior Tony Jackson, who scored nearly eight points a game a year ago with 76 assists. Competing for playing time at the off guard will be 6-4 soph Marvin Woods (1.4), and recruit 6-3 Terence Greene, a high school A-A in both basketball and football from Michigan. In control at the point will be the squad's quickest player, 6-0 soph Randy Pettus (1.2), along with freshman 6-2 Rodney Stickland, a consensus high school All-American from the Bronx who earned the MVP award at the

prestigious Dapper Dan Classic in Pittsburgh.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Joey Meyer holds the reins to one of the most successful major college basketball programs in the nation. The Blue Demons have an 83.2 winning percentage over the past eight seasons, and they should continue to bolster that mark this time around. It's amazing that a program could lose the likes of Tyrone Corbin and Kenny Patterson and survive much less win, but DePaul is one of the few schools that can. Speed, good board-pounding and flexibility - along with a winning tradition - will make the Blue Demons one of the nation's premier clubs again in '85-'86.

#### **Dayton** (19-10)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-4

Sometimes it takes a while before people wake up! You know, not being able to see the forest for the trees! After 21 years and 382 victories, Flyers' bossman Don Donoher last year was finally recognized as "coach of the year" by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. And with the return of four starters and a dozen lettermen from last season's NCAA entry, the dean of Midwest cage mentors just might

make it two straight such honors!

Leading the way into the '85-'86 hardwood wars will be last season's MVP, 6-8 senior pivot man Dave Colbert, Dayton's leading scorer (16.7) and rebounder (7.7). Rejoining the club after an injury forced redshirt season will be 6-7 junior Ed Young, who netted 13.4 ppg and picked off 6.6 caroms per tilt in the '83-'84 campaign. Also expected to be key operatives this time around are 6-6 senior Damon Goodwin and 6-5 junior Anthony Grant. Goodwin (12.7/51.6) is on track to become the Flyers' leading all-time field goal shooter, entering his final campaign with a career 54.8 shooting percentage. Grant (10.7/6.6) was the surprise of last year's squad after having netted just 14 points for the entire previous season. Dayton is knee deep in experienced upfronters, the bench including seniors 6-9 Jeff Zern (2.6/1.4), 6-8 Rory Dahlinghaus and 6-8 Jim Shields, plus juniors 6-9 Don Hughes and 6-11 Jeff Tressler. For good measure, add incoming frosh 6-6 Bill Crotty and 6-9 Steve Pittman, a couple of standouts from Ohio.

The UD backcourt won't be nearly as savvy as the forecourt, not with the losses of Sedric Toney and Larry Schellenberg, but 6-1 junior Dan Christie is available. He was Donoher's number one man off the bench a year ago, responding with a 5.1 scoring average, seven games in double digits and 78 assists. Two sophs who didn't see a lot of playing time a year ago will be looking for more action, and former high school All-Americans 6-5 Steve Smith and 6-3 Eric Mathews have excellent credentials. The new face in the backcourt belongs to 6-2 frosh Negele Knight, an all-Michigan choice who averaged 24 points and 10 assists a game while leading his high school

team to a 27-0 record and the state title.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Once again, Don Donoher has responded to the coaching challenge, in recent seasons plugging big holes in his lineup to get the Flyers into the NCAA shootout two straight years. This time out his job will be a bit easier, although reshaping the backcourt to compensate for the graduation of two standouts remains high on his agenda. The Flyers are definitely NCAA material once more, as Donoher is a cinch to add to his 382 victories and join a very elite group of college mentors who've topped the 400-win plateau.

#### Marquette (20-11)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-4

Not even a double overtime loss to Indiana in the NIT could dampen a strong second half surge that's stimulated the Warriors to strive for even bigger and better things this winter.

Coach Rick Majerus will return an experienced front line in his third year as Marquette bossman, with 6-6 senior Kerry Trotter at one forward slot and 6-9 senior Walter Downing in the middle. Trotter led the squad in scoring (12.4), rebounding (6.2) and free throw percentage (80.2) a year ago, while Downing battled injuries all year but still paced the Warriors in blocked shots with 40. He averaged 8.0 points a game along with 3.5 rebounds. Downing can also play forward, with 6-10 junior Tom Copa (8.5/5.5) filling the pivot.

The under-the-bucket gang also includes 6-10 senior Mike Davis (5.1/3.3), 6-8 junior Herb Harrison (3.9/1.6), 6-6 junior Pat Foley (2.9/2.0) and 6-6 junior Tony Reeder (2.8/1.7), all of whom contributed along the way. Coming aboard is frosh sevenfooter Roman "Ray" Muller, who needs some polishing, and 6-6 David Boone, a JC import who's a terror off the boards.

Probable starters in the backcourt are 6-0 soph Michael "Pops" Sims, who'll play at the point, and 6-4 senior Benny Moore, who averaged 7.5 markers a game a year ago. Sims netted 3.7 ppg and recorded 60 assists, third best mark on the club. Kevin Johnson, a six-footer who made honorable mention All-America at Eastern Arizona JC, will pitch for game time at the shooting guard spot as will 6-6 freshman Johnson Jimmerson, who can also play forward. Jimmerson pumped in 24 points, grabbed 12 reebs and posted five assists and three steals a game his final high school season in Michigan!

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A strong finish last year assured the Warriors of the school's 20th consecutive winning season and the 19th straight post-season tourney appearance. And with an excellent starting cast returning, a strong bench, plus a host of good-looking prospects, only a fool would bet that Rick Majerus's gang won't make those numbers read "21" and "20" at the conclusion of the '85-'86 hardwood season!

# Mid-American

#### Miami (20-11)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Above Avg.

Led by All-America hopeful Ron Harper and featuring a roster intact from last year's NCAA entry, the Redskins will be on the warpath collecting more than a few MAC scalps this season!

Harper, the 'skins' two-year captain, ranks third in the nation among returning hoopsters with a 24.9 ppg average along with 10.7 reebs a contest. He was the MAC's "player of the year" last season as well as the conference's top defensive performer as chosen by the MAC coaches. The 6-6 senior recorded 82 steals and 45 blocked shots while also leading the MAC in slam dunks with 93. Miami's all-time leading scorer, Harper this year could become the only player in Mid-American history to score 2,000 points and grab 1,000 rebounds.

Complementing Harper on the Miami front line will be 6-7 senior center Tim Lampe (7.5/5.7) and forward 6-5 junior Mike Hall (3.9/3.0). Working in relief will be 6-8 junior Rusty Doyle, 6-6 soph Jeff Fuerst and 6-6 soph Lamont Hanna (2.2/2.4). Miami recruited to strengthen the

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bench on the frontline, adding 6-5 Karlton Clayborne, 6-6 Trimill Haywood and 6-5 Andy Ronan, all frosh.

The Redskins backcourt is deep as well as talented, the premier per-former once again being the trio of 5-9 junior marksman Eric Newsome, top feeds man 6-4 soph Eddie Schilling (4.3/3.1) and good-shooting 6-3 senior Ron Hunter (7.9/2.9). Newsome potted 17.0 points a game last year, while Schillling ranked 14th in the nation with an average of 6.9 assists per game, totalling a whopping 214 overall. Also available is 6-2

assists per game, totalling a whopping 214 overall. Also available is soph Todd Staker (4.3), a very reliable performer coming off the bench.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Paced by the play of unanimous allleague pick Ron Harper, the Redskins were a bit of a surprise last year
as they finished second in the MAC and made the NCAA field. This club will surprise no one this time out, however. Selected as one of the teams to play in the pre-season Big Apple NIT, Miami has to rate as one of the favorites to sit atop the MAC standings by season's end!

#### Kent St (17-13)

Schedule-Average

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
The Golden Flashes are on a roll, having posted their best three-year
win total in the past 30 seasons. The loss of his top two scorers from a winter ago, however, will make Coach Jim McDonald's job all that much harder if KSU is to add to that impressive success story this time

around.

Gone from the Flashes' lineup are backcourt standouts Anthony Grier and Larry Robbins and with them nearly 40 points of offense a game. That leaves McDonald with three letter winners from which to choose 8-2 senior Londell Owens (4.4), 5-11 senior Mike Roberts (2.8) and 6-0 junior Bill Toole (3.7). Owens was third on last year's club with 74 assists, while Toole looks to be in line to replace Grier at point guard based on his 53 percent shooting touch in a reserve role last season. Frosh 5-10 Reggie Adams and Wyoming transfer 6-2 soph Roy Ware

could also have an impact.

The Flashes' frontline has depth and experience, with four rostered players having been previously cast in starting roles. Junior 6-8 center Terry Wearsch heads up the cast of big guys, having netted 8.9 points a game last winter while leading the club in rebounds per game (8.6). He also had 25 rejects. Junior 6-7 Ray Kubani (4.5/4.0) moved into the starting lineup at forward late in the season and posted five games in double digits. Combatants for the other baseline post are ex-starter 6-4 junior Russ Kotalac (5.1/4.2) and 6-5 junior Mike McCormick (3.2/1.3), who is coming off knee problems, JC import 6-5 Mark Niece could break into the regular lineup, while McDonald will take a close look at incoming frosh 6-7 Jim Mangapora, a fine scorer; 6-7 John Shemaitis, who made his rep as a board pounder; and 6-8 Todd Spence, who did a bit of both during his high school career.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Flashes took a heavy hit from

graduation with the loss of both of their backcourt aces. Coach Jim McDonald, however, appears to have enough experience and potential in the available athletes to get over that hump, and with a solid cast of incumbents in the "big guy" slots, Kent State should make it a fourth

straight winning season.

#### Ball St (13-16)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-4

With the nation's top returning scorer and second leading rebounder back in harness, and bolstered by two outstanding JC imports, an experienced band of Ball Staters will take dead aim at cracking the .500

barrier and moving up in this year's MAC title chase

The big gun again this time around for the Cards will be 6-8 senior forward Dan Palombizio, who should get some All-America recognition if he repeats his performance of last winter. Palombizio led the MAC in both scoring (26.3) and rebounding (11.0) as only Wichita State's Xavier McDaniel and Alfrederick "The Great" Hughes of Loyola produced more Division I points than did the Ball State bomber. An all-league choice, the intense and aggressive Palombizio was the only MAC performer to earn honorable mention A-A a year ago.

Four seniors will battle for the other frontline posts — 6-5 Ron Peters (5.4/2.3), 6-5 Marx Clark (4.0/2.3), 6-7 Jon Luedke (1.7/2.3) and 6-6 sw-(1.9/1.3), 6-5 Marx Clark (4.0/2.3), 6-7 Jon Luedke (1.7/2.3) and 6-6 Swingman Rick Rowray (1.4/1.1) — along with 6-9 soph Steve Dziatczak (1.9/1.4). Don't be a bit shocked, however, if any one of a trio of newcomers is in the Cardinal starting lineup by tipoff time. JC transfers 6-5 Jerome Brewer and 6-4 Charles Smith both showed they can shoot and bang the boards last winter, Brewer at Vincenness (24.6/7.5) and Smith at Illinois Central (25.3/17.0). Freshman 6-8 Rick Hall is also an excellent markemen.

cellent marksman.

The backcourt shapes up around holdover senior incumbents 6-3 Chris Shelton and 6-3 Larry Reed plus 6-3 soph Derrick Wesley. Shelton was the only other BSU player in double figures a year ago, netting 10.3 points a game, while ranking second in the MAC in assists with a school record 182 feeds. Reed's contributions showed an 8.1 scoring norm

record 182 feeds. Heed's contributions showed an 6.1 sching his along with 75 feeds, with Wesley averaging 11 ppg over the last 16 games after winning a starting berth. Available for reserve duty are 6-0 soph David Eha (3.5) and 6-4 junior Doug Faulkner (1.0).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cards will miss the shot-blocking expertise of graduated pivot Mike Chesser, but the holdover group has every opportunity to be a better ball club than its predecessor. And with the addition of JC hotshots Brewer and Smith, GAMEPLAN thinks the

Cards will do just that - be a whole lot better this winter!

#### Ohio U (22-8)

Schedule-Average Starters Returning —2

They say youth will be served, and if that's the case, Ohio U.'s Bobcats have a chance at repeating last season's outstanding performance. Coach Danny Nee enters the '85-'86 campaign with a roster dominated

by sophomores and first-year performers.

Four of those sophs - 6-9 John Rhodes (1.9/2.5), 6-7 Jamie Brock (1.8/1.0), 6-6 Henry Smith (3.6/4.0) and 6-6 Marty Lehmann (2.5/1.5) battle for frontline spots alongside pivot man 6-10, 255-pound Rich Stanfel (2.3/3.3), who is coming off leg surgery. A couple of Philadelphia standouts — 6-6 Paul "Snoopy" Graham and 6-7 George Reid — will also be given a chance to earn their monograms filling vacancies in the paint. Graham is a Philly all-stater while Reid is described as a Vic Alexander-type performer. Alexander graduated this year after leading the club in rebounding and averaging 14.4 ppg last winter.

The 'cats should be well set in the backcourt, where point guard 6-3 senior Paul Baron was the MVP of the MAC tournament last year and 6-0 senior Robert Tatum is a two-time second team All-MAC pick. Tatum topped the club in point production last winter, netting 14.7 an outing while also registered 77 assists. The top assist man was Baron, who dished off on 190 occasions while finding time to score at a 9.1-pergame clip. Junior 6-5 Steve Bruning, who was a medical redshirt last season, and little-used 5-9 junior Roger Smith will battle with a pair of All-Ohio honorees for playing time on the backline. David Jamerson, a 6-4 frosh from Stow averaged nearly 34 markers a game his final scholastic season, while 6-2 Reggie Rankin pumped in more than 21.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Youth may indeed be served, but it'll take a little time at Ohio U. before the good-looking prospects are able to get their act together. The Bobcats can't expect instant "team" from so many new players, but if their "veteran" sophs come alive in a hurry—and if Stanfel is 100 percent recovered from surgery—a break-even season certainly isn't out of the question.

#### Western Michigan (12-16)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-4

WMU experienced a major turnaround in its basketball program last winter, the Broncos putting 12 games in the victory column after a combined total of just nine wins the previous two campaigns. And with four starters back on duty and a number of good looking newcomers, there's more than a few Bronco boosters who're saying WMU could do even bet-

ter this time around.

One of those optimists is Coach Vernon Payne, who'll rely on returning forwards 6-3 junior Booker James and 6-3 senior Donald Petties for the majority of under-the-bucket production. Petties netted 19.5 points and cleared 6.4 rebounds a game last season in his first year of play after transferring from Wayne State. James, the MAC's freshman of the year in '83-'84, followed up that honor with a solid soph season, hitting year in '83-'84, followed up that honor with a solid soph season, hitting 14.0 ppg and finishing seventh in the league rebounding stats with a game average of 7.4. Veterans who'll add some size in the paint include 6-8 senior pivot Mark Gorski (2.3/2.1), 6-7 junior Pete Hansen (3.1/2.0) and 6-6 soph Hoyt Mahaley (3.8/2.5), while newcomers to be watched are 6-10 frosh Tony Baumgardt, 6-9 redshirt Steve Riikonen and 6-7 soph Dan Leighton, who played at Toledo two seasons back.

Point guard 5-11 junior Dan Zachary made a big splash last winter after transferring from Vincennes JC, setting a WMU season record with 147 assists while contributing 7.4 points an outing. Junior 6-2 Randy Bolden was a defensive standout while also netting 5.7 ppg. and 6-5

147 assists while contributing 7.4 points an outing. Junior 6-2 Randy Bolden was a defensive standout while also netting 5.7 ppg, and 6-5 junior swingman Steve Amundson was particularly valuable, registering 8.5 points a game. Also available are 5-10 senior Mike Priest (4.0) and recruit 5-10 point man Johnny Slater, a Michigan all-stater from Detroit. GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Western Michigan's revival was a surprise last season, particularly to NCAA tourney teams like DePaul and Ohio U., both of whom were kicked by the Broncos. This year, Coach Payne has a veteran scoring punch to work with plus a couple of badly needed "trees" to bang the boards and it'll be no surprise at all if WMI. needed "trees" to bang the boards and it'll be no surprise at all if WMU continues its climb back up the MAC ladder.

#### Northern Illinois (11-16)

Schedule-Average Starters Returning-4

Veteran NIU cage coach John McDougal makes no secret about his 1985-86 "Battle" plan: Get the ball to Kenny and watch him go!

That's Kenny Battle, of course, last season's MAC "freshman of the year" whose name appeared everywhere in the league stats: tops in blocked shots (1.52 per game), second in slam dunks (45), third in steals

(60), sixth in scoring (20.1 ppg), eighth in FG percentage (52.8) and 11th in rebounding (6.2). That's not too bad a career, much less a freshman

Another holdover up front is 6-6 soph Jim Edmondson (5.7/3.1), but McDougal knows he's got to close the gap in last year's attack with a proven center. Soph 6-9 Mike Grabner (3.2/2.5) looked better and better as last season progressed, with 6-8 junior Eric Harrington (6.2/3.2) and 6-8 soph Bob Russ (4.2/3.8) also available, lowa State transfer 6-9 John Culbertson should make his presence known at the pivot or power forward slots, while 6-10 frosh redshirt Scott Sullivan also looks ready to contribute.

Point guard Jerry Williams, a 6-2 junior, banged the nets for 8.5 markers a game while dishing out a team-best 102 assists. He'll be looked to for increased leadership as McDougal tries to fill the hole left by the graduation of backcourt bomber Brad Waller (13.7). A slew of sophs

— 6-3 Daron White (5.1/45 assists), 6-2 Randy Norman (2.5) and 6-2
Rodney Davis (4.4) — are ready to join Williams in the starting

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's NIU entry was invincible (9-0) at home and intolerable (2-16) outside the DeKalb city limits, and although Kenny Battle alone is worth the price of admission, the Huskies are going to have their collective hands full trying to get back on the bright side of .500. Look for the Huskles to finish in the middle of the MAC Pack as they flirt with a winning record.

#### Toledo (16-12)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Average
You've got to go all the way back to the 1958-59 season to find a

Toledo court squad that wound up on the dark side of .500, but Coach Bob Nichols knows he'll need all of his veteran skills to boost the Rockets to their 27th consecutive winning season this time around.

That's because the Rockets lost their top three scorers, leading rebounding and ace assist man. Corraling the caroms, or the lack thereof, has long been a Toledo problem, and with the departure of Ken Epperson and Jim Lange, that situation could reach crisis proportions. The board-banging load will fall on 6-7 soph Mark German (5.1/2.0), 6-8 junior Blake Burnham (4.4/2.1) and 6-5 soph Shon Smith (5.9/3.3) unless 6-11 soph Jeff Coil matures unexpectedly or 6-6 freshman Andy Fisher makes an immediate contribution.

The backline is in much better condition with the return of 5-11 senior Bob Borcherdt and 6-2 junior Gary Campbell, plus veteran sophs 6-3 Jeff Haar and 5-9 William Lyle. Campbell popped for 6.4 points an outing, Borcherdt contributed 6.6 and the pair combined for a healthy 169 assists. Haar (2.0) and Lyle (1.5) will compete for backup time with good looking frosh prospects 6-0 Chris Poellnitz and 6-3 John Vandecaveve. both Michigan all-staters who know how to put the ball in the hole.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Bob Nichols will surely get the two vic-tories he needs this season to become the MAC's all-time winningest coach (topping Jim Snyder of Ohio U.'s total of 355), but keeping alive the Toledo non-losing season streak is a proposition built on quicksand. Nichols has never had a losing campaign, but 1985-86 looks like his most difficult challenge yet in maintaining that proud tradition.

#### Bowling Green (12-15)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
After posting two MAC titles, two runnerup finishes and a third place
in the recent past, the Falcons' tumble to a 6-12, next-to-last league log last winter left a bitter taste in BG Coach Jim Weinert's mouth. Getting back on an upbeat track this season will depend on how well replacements for '84-'85's leading scorer and the big man in the middle fare in the heat of combat.

Picking up the slack left by the departure of 22.2 ppg man Keith Taylor will be a primary concern for Weinert. Battling it out for playing time on the backine will 6-1 senior Brian Miller (8.6), juniors 6-2 Frank Booker (5.3) and 6-7 Bob Nass (3.1) along with 6-5 soph James Tyler (3.8). The lone returning point guard is 6-4 soph Jeff Shook (1.7), who'll be challenged for game time by incoming 5-11 frosh sharpshooters Joe Gregory and Scott Kalish plus 6-5 Jim Smith, a transfer from Wisconsin.

Reasonably certain of starting assignments in the front line are 6-6 sophs Anthony Robinson and Steve Martenet, but the man who'll replace graduated 6-10 center Freddie Bryant will be a key figure in the Falcons' success this winter. Robinson led the club in rebounding a year ago (7.4 per game) while contributing 12.8 points a contest. Martenet's stats show a 5.1 scoring norm with 3.5 caroms an outing. Lettermen 6-7 Mike Maleske (2.4/1.9) and 6-9 senior Avon Davey (1.7/1.5) will compete with freshmen 6-5 Lamon Pippin and 6-9 Dan Raupp for the other spot under the bucket.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Falcons got out of the gate fast last year, winning six of their first seven contests, but it was all downhill for John Weinert's club after that. Unfortunately for Falcon fanatics, this year could see more of the same. Outside of Robinson, Bowling Green shows little on the offenisve side, while the lack of overall size will hurt this club defensively.

#### Eastern Michigan (15-13)

Schedule-Average Starters Returning—2

Talk about your classic good news-bad news situation! EMU's Jim Boyce welcomes back 10 lettermen, but graduation has claimed 51 percent of last year's offensive output.

No longer wearing Huron colors are all-leaguer Fred Cofield (20.6) and second-team pick Vince Giles, who added 18.6 markers a game and collected a team-high 9.6 rebounds per outing. Boyce will rely on four players who saw plenty of playing time a year ago to pick up the slack — 6-0 senior guard Percy Cooper (11.3), 6-4 junior swingman Lewis Scott (8.8/4.5), 6-4 junior forward Mike McCaskill (5.9/3.9) and 6-7 soph Grant Long (4.1/4.0). Cooper also contributed 131 assists, second on the club to Cofield's 166 feeds.

Lettermen looking for first team roles this time around include upfronters 6-6 soph Chuck King (1.7/1.5), 6-4 soph Ed Davidek (2.7) and 6-8 soph Phil Graczyk. Also expecting to play are 6-8 soph center Paul Grazulis, who missed the previous two campaigns with injuries, and incoming freshman 6-8 Hugh Smith. Backcourters available awaiting Boyce's whistle are 6-0 soph Stan Heath (1.2), 6-3 soph Ray Kelser (3.7), 6-6 soph Sam Johnson (1.3) and the recruit trio of 5-10 Carl Brown, 6-2 Sam Sillmon and 6-2 Howard Flowers. Brown was a first team all-stater in Detroit after netting nearly 29 points a game.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: EMU will find it an uphill fight in the MAC this season, as youth takes its toll. There's a good batch of performers coming aboard for the Hurons, but with just one senior and 12 of 15 rostered players being sophs or freshmen, there's going to be a growing up period for this club. That'll probably take a season or two, and EMU

faithful had better be prepared to wait it out.

#### Central Michigan (9-18)

Schedule-Average Starters Returning—3 First-year skipper Charlie Coles says the club he's inherited has plen-

ty of discipline and hustle, but Coles knows he'll need more than that to lift Central Michigan out of the MAC basement.

Coles likes the look of his charges, and he'll like it a whole lot more if soph Don Majerle is healthy by tipoff time. The 6-6 forward has played in but 15 games over the past two years as he's been slowed by back and foot injuries. When healthy, Majerle hit for 18.6 points an outing while snaring 6.7 caroms a game. Bidding to team up with Majerle on the Chips' front line will be little-used holdovers 6-7 senior Shawn Raymond and 6-7 junior Jeff Bellamy, but almost certain to win a starting spot is prime recruit 6-8 Daryl Miller, the starting center on Michigan's Class A state title team. Junior veterans 6-7 Eric Nordmann (5.0/4.3) and 6-5 Jim Murray (6.9/4.3) are both coming off down years, but are capable of bouncing back strong.

Leading the pack for the backcourt slots are holdover regular 6-2 senior Pete Lambropoulos, 6-2 senior Greg Washington and 6-4 soph Chauncey Scott. Lambropoulos scored at a 3.6 clip while leading the club in assists with 90. Washington had a 6.7 ppg average while Scott contributed 4.1 an outing. In the scrap for game time will be freshmen 5-7 Derrick Richmond and 6-0 Mike Avery, a teammate of Daryl Miller's at Flint Northwestern, along with junior college imports 6-4 Chip Pisoni

and 6:3 Ervin Leavy.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A whole lot depends on the condition of soph standout Majerle, and, judging from past history, that's not a sound foundation upon which to build success. Even with Majerle healthy and contributing, this is a very young CMU learn and it doesn't seem likely the 1985-86 edition will break the Chips' streak as the only MAC team never to have made the league playoffs.

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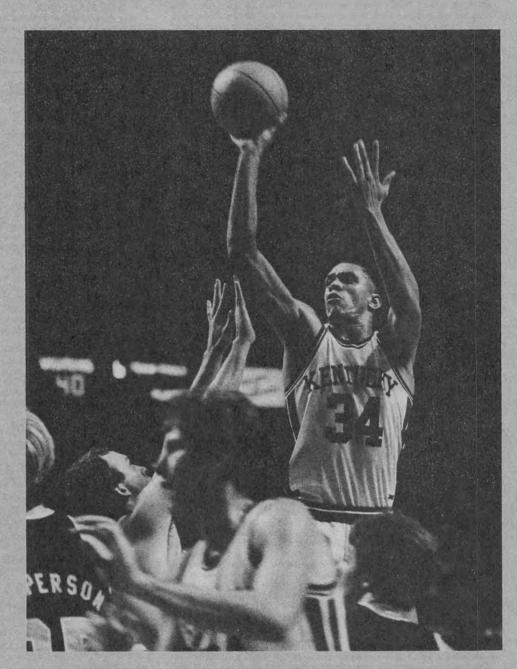
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All-American forward Kenny Walker returns to lead Kentucky in its quest for an SEC Championship.

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#### Kentucky (18-13)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average

Ahhh, what a marriage! The hookup of Kentucky and Coach Eddie Sutton is as natural as peanut butter and jelly, Kentucky being the winningest team in College Basketball history and Sutton having taken his former Arkansas charges from the SWC cellar to a spot among the national elite and nine straight NCAA berths. Sutton becomes just the third Wildcat coach in 55 years, succeeding Joe B. Hall who, of course, was the successor to the legendary Adolph Rupp.

And it's only fitting that one of the nation's premier programs and premier coaches should have a premier player around which to focus this winter. That man is All-American forward Kenny Walker, a 6-8 senior who topped the SEC in scoring (22.9) and rebounding (10.2) last year, becoming the first player since Tennessee's Bernard King in '77 to do so.

Rejoining Walker in the frontcourt will be 6-6 junior forward Winston Bennett, a Louisville product who netted 7.2 points and grabbed 5.3 caroms a game last season. The leading candidate to replace the graduated Brent Bearup at center is 6-9 soph Robert Lock (1.1/2.0), who started on occasion last year when veterans were sidelined with injuries. If the 'cats have a weakness, it could be in bench strength under the bucket, with only 6-6 soph Richard Madison (5.1/3.0) having seen much action a year ago. Also available are 6-8 soph Cedric Jenkins, 6-6 soph Todd Ziegler and 6-9 frosh newcomer Irving Thomas, a prep All-American from Florida State who chose the Wildcats over Georgetown, UCLA, Florida and North Carolina.

The Kentucky backcourt is in solid condition, what with the presence of incumbent regulars 6-1 senior Roger Harden (5.3) and 6-1 soph Ed Davender (8.5), plus 6-2 junior James Blackmon (5.4). Harden was UK's playmaker last winter, leading the club in feeds with 142, while Davender improved steadily after winning a starting assignment. Blackmon, who started 18 games as a soph, provides very capable relief work along with 6-2 junior Paul Andrews (2.1) and tiny 5-5 senior Leroy Byrd.

GÁMÉPLAN CONCLUSION: Here's the easiest forecast in the World of Hoops: Kentucky will win more games than they lose this time out! The Wildcats currently sport the longest string of non-losing seasons in the country, having been on the plus side of the won-lost ledger for the last 57 years! Seriously, folks, Eddie Sutton and his "Three D's of Success (Dedication, Discipline and Defense)" will find much happiness as the new bossman of the Wildcats. Kenny Walker alone is more than worth the price of admission, but this club is far from a one-man team. The 'cats look certain to pick up where last year's club left off, and that was in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA finals!

#### Auburn (22-12)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

Sonny Smith led the youngest team in Auburn history to the school's first SEC tourney title and the NCAA's final 16 a year ago, but despite the return of all five starters from that club, the Tiger mentor says he doesn't know what to expect this time out.

You've gotta believe, however, that Smith expects another super season out of All-America forward Chuck Person, a 6-8 senior who paced the Tigers in scoring (22.0) and rebounding (8.9) this past winter. Person, who needs just 523 points to become Auburn's all-time leading scorer, also was second on last year's club in assists (69) as he made All-SEC for the second time.

Returning with Person to the Tiger under-the-boards gang are 6-7 sophs Chris Morris and Jeff Moore. Morris (10.4/5.0) was a consensus All-SEC freshman choice and led the team in blocked shots (45) while contributing 43 steals. Lefthanded

pivot Moore added 8.2 ppg and was second behind Person in rebounding with 7.1 caroms a contest as Auburn ranked sixth nationally in rebound margin (7.1 per game more than opponents). Providing front court depth will be 6-9 soph Darren Guest (1.8/2.2), Parade A-A frosh 6-7 Michael Jones and 6-7 JC import Ricky Short.

In the backcourt, juniors Frank Ford and Gerald White are proven commodities, the 6-4 Ford netting 11.5 ppg and adding 4.8 rebounds. The 6-1 White was Auburn's offensive quarterback from his point guard slot, setting a season record for assists (185) and pacing the club in steals with 90 while averaging nearly eight points a game. Sophs 6-2 Johnny Lynn (1.2) and 6-1 Terrance Howard (3.1) provide veteran depth, while newcomers 6-2 Melvin Haralson and 6-1 Levertis Williams will get their chance to prove they can play. Haralson, a JC teammate of Ricky Short, is a top drawer defender, while Williams netted 25 ppg his final year in high school.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Heck, Sonny, if you're having trouble evaluating your 1985-86 Tigers, GAMEPLAN is glad to lend a hand. Relax, coach, you're in for a pleasant trip this fall as the Tigers shape up as one of the teams to beat in the SEC. Strong up front and experienced in the back court, Auburn should keep the cage faithful at Memorial Coliseum on an all-time high enroute to the Tigers' third straight 20-win campaign.

#### Georgia (22-9)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

The 'dogs had little trouble keeping alive last season's "Drive For Five", and making it six post-season trips in a row in '85-'86 should be as easy as proving that Georgia mentor Hugh Durham knows more than just a little bit about this roundball game.

Georgia's end-of-the-year hopes will ride on the repeat performance of last season's four top scorers, 6-7 soph centerforward Cedric Henderson, 6-2 senior guard Donald Hartry and senior small forwards 6-6 Joe Ward and 6-5 Horace McMillan.

Henderson made an immediate impact on the SEC as a frosh, leading the 'dogs in scoring (15.5) and rebounding (7.1) enroute to league "freshman of the year" honors. Ward and McMillan were outstanding at small forward, the efforts of "McWard" accounting for 21.3 points and 7.1 reebs per game last season as the pair shared playing time. Junior 6-8 David Dunn (5.0/4.0) started the season in the pivot, but played his best basketball in the year's latter half, while 6-8 junior Chad Kessler (4.9/2.3) was the squad's most improved performer.

Three-year letter winner Hartry, a 6-2 senior, handed out 108 assists while averaging 9.7 points per contest. Junior 6-1 Melvin Howard, a strong defender, was Durham's first guard off the bench a year ago, contributing 3.1 ppg. Junior 6-4 Dennis Williams (4.0), 6-7 soph swingman Willie Anderson (3.3) and 6-2 frosh redshirt Patrick Hamilton, plus outstanding newcomers 6-5 Toney Mack and 6-5 Chris Duncan mean the backcourt crew is not only deep but talented as well. Mack bombed the backboards for 41 points a game at his Florida high school while Duncan was a Converse All-American who netted 28 ppg.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last season's coach of the year in the SEC, Hugh Durham squeezed every bit of ability he could from the 'dogs. He probably won't have to work as hard this time around, but then again, he won't be surprising anyone either, 'cause everyone who can spell "NCAA" knows this Bulldog club has all the talent it needs to threaten for the SEC title and make it six straight post-season tourney trips for Durham's 'dogs.

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#### LSU (19-10)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Having won their final six SEC games a year ago, the Tigers of LSU stalk into the '85-'86 season as reigning conference kingpins. And with four quality starters and a dozen lettermen awaiting Coach Dale Brown's whistle, the Tigers look fully capable of making a strong defense of their crown.

The lone '84-'85 incumbent missing is middle man Jerry Reynolds (11.0/6.1) but Brown has a pair of talented sophs in 6-9 Jose Vargas (3.2/2.0) and 7-1 Zoran Jovanovich (2.0/2.2) ready to fill that vacancy. Back in uniform to set the offensive pace again will be 6-8 junior forward Nikita Wilson, whose 15.0 ppg average and 6.9 boards were team bests a year ago. His outstanding season earned him the SEC's award as the league's "most improved player." Wilson's running mate will be 6-8 soph John Williams, who was second to Wilson in scoring (13.4) and rebounding (6.6) while ringing up 86 assists last winter. One of the country's most heavily recruited players a year ago, Williams was tapped as the SEC "freshman of the year." Available for relief duty under the bucket are swingman 6-6 soph Ricky Blanton (3.5/1.8) and defensive specialist 6-6 junior Oliver Brown (1.0/2.2).

Leadership and steady performance should be the agenda from the backcourt, where Coach Brown is pleased to have seniors 6-6 Don Redden and 6-0 Derrick Taylor returning for the upcoming cage wars. Redden popped for 9.7 points an outing, picked off 2.6 reebs a contest and totalled 83 assists. Taylor had 66 feeds as he netted points at a 9.1 per game clip. Forming the backline backup brigade are playmaker 6-1 junior Dennis Brown (2.6/40 assists), 6-4 junior Anthony Wilson (1.5) and

6-2 soph Ocie Conley (1.5).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The LSU Tigers have gone tourney-ing seven times in the past seven campaigns, and though this may get boring to SEC rivals, expect to see Dale Brown's boys in post-season action again at the conclusion of the upcoming campaign. Solid and explosive up front and on the backline, the Tigers certainly rate as one of the teams to beat in the SEC!

#### Alabama (23-10)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Prior to the tipoff of last year's court capers, it was the backcourt situation that gave Wimp Sanderson the same kind of feeling in his stomach that you get from wolfing down a chili dog. A rosterful of talented guards has spelled "relief" for the Crimson Tide bossman in that regard, but a major hole in the middle of his lineup is Sanderson's latest cause for gastric distress.

Gone from the pivot are the very capable duo of Bobby Lee Hurt and Mark Farmer, with 6-9 soph Derrick McKey (5.1/4.1) first in line to assume the low post duties. Frosh 6-8 William

DeVaughn will also help at center.

Sanderson will again call on 6-7 senior Buck Johnson and 6-8 senior Darrell Neal to work the flanks. All-star candidate Johnson has been the Tide's premier scorer the past two campaigns, hitting 17.0 ppg a year ago while leading the club in rebounding with 9.4 caroms a contest. Neal (4.7/2.2) has spent his past two campaigns as a spot starter. Frosh newcomers 6-7 Michael Ansley and 6-6 Lorenza "Cat" Smith along with 6-8 John Brown will be called on early by Sanderson to provide front court depth. Ansley and Smith were both standouts at Birmingham high schools, while Brown is coming off a severe knee injury suffered as a scholastic senior.

There's plenty of competition for the backline posts, starting at point guard where incumbent 6-3 junior Terry Coner (11.8) will get a stiff challenge from 5-10 soph transfer James Jackson, a starter at West Texas State. Coner was far and away the Tide's top feed man a year ago with 184 dishoffs. Over at the off guard post, 6-2 junior starter Mark Gottfried (8.4) will have to stave off 6-3 junior Jim Farmer (6.3), sophs 6-4 Craig Dudley (5.0) and 6-4 Jimmy Smith (1.2) along with 6-2

senior Gary White (1.4) to keep his regular job.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's no question the Tide
could use some depth behind forward veterans Johnson and

Neal, continued development in the backcourt and a super fillin job from the underclassmen moving into the middle, but even so, Wimp Sanderson has another tough cage contingent on his hands this season. Contenders, indeed, will the 'bama boys be as the Crimson Tide looks ahead to its sixth consecutive post-season party.

#### Tennessee (22-15)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

A strong showing in the NIT and the return of four starters has Tennessee faithful claiming the Vols will be a contender

for a high finish in the SEC this winter.

Coach Don DeVoe loses only one regular, but he was a standout as guard Michael Brooks made All-SEC and led the Vols in scoring with 17 points a game. The club's second best point producer is back, however, and 6-2 Tony White will be called upon to put it up more often this season. White produced points at a 15.9 per game clip while also registering 77 assists. Junior Fred Jenkins, who bucketed 10.1 points a game and picked off 3.9 reebs per outing last season while playing forward, will shift to the backcourt where his 6-4 size will be less of a handicap than it was inside. Increased production is expected from 6-4 soph Ron Hausley (1.5), but beyond that, there's only inexperienced freshmen talent from which to stock the backline.

Another performer who'll be expected to lead the attack is 6-6 Junior forward Anthony Richardson (10.8/5.9), who broke through for 30 points in an NIT game. Senior 6-7 Rob Jones hit for 12.4 points a game and cleared the boards at an 8.6 clip last year playing the low post, but he'll probably move to the high post to make room for 6-11 high school All-American Doug Roth. The 240-pounder, known as "Dunkin' Doug," scored, rebounded and blocked shots to lead his high school team to a 34-3 mark. Junior 6-10 John Snodgrass will also be asked to help with the rebounding, and forwards 6-6 soph Sam Arterburn and 6-7 junior Tyrone Harper will get close looks to see if they can contribute.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Disappointed by a seventh place tie in the SEC regular season, the Vols regrouped when they got an NIT bid and played their best basketball from that point on, making the tourney's Final Four. By shifting his personnel, Don DeVoe looks to be able to compensate for the departure of Michael Brooks, and if the new man in the middle (frosh Roth) does even a halfway decent job, the Vols should indeed make a move up the SEC ladder this winter.

#### Mississippi St (13-15)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Ever since Bob Boyd took over the State job, Bulldog fans have wondered what he'd be able to do with a big front line, a solid backcourt and a reliable bench. They just might find out this season!

Boyd's Bulldogs took the SEC by surprise a year ago, leading the conference until the final two weeks of the season after having been forecast for a "way down" finish. State lost two backcourters to graduation, but 6-2 junior Tracy Taylor (7.1) will probably fill the bill as both a scorer and playmaker this winter. Looking to be the new point guard are freshmen 6-2 Reginal Boykins and 6-1 Bernard Ballard, along with 6-2 Greg Lockhart.

This year's front line may be the best at MSU since Rickey Brown went to the NBA five years ago. Senior 6-5 forward Chauncey Robinson accounted for 8.6 points and 4.1 rebounds a game while accumulating a team-best 44 steals and playing strong defense. Soph 6-8 Raymond Brown (8.5/5.0) made the All-SEC freshman team, and, matched with 6-8 senior Ervin Dillon (7.7/3.8), gave State a strong low post attack. Junior 6-8 Tony Robinson (9.4/4.6) was often brilliant on offense while blocking a team-best 30 shots on defense. Soph 6-10 Hubert Henderson (1.8/0.5) is also available, but the big news around the hoop is the arrival of 6-8 frosh Anthony Blakely, the best scholastic postman in Mississippi last season.

The reserve cupboard contains reliable swingmen 6-4 junior Todd McCaskill (1.7/2.3), 6-4 junior Mark Peters (1.1/0.5) and 6-5 soph Clyde Tables (1.7/2.2), all of whom can be counted on to

contribute when called upon.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Freshmen and JUCO imports nearly got State to .500 a year ago and earned Bob Boyd SEC "Coach of the Year" honors. With a year's experience, plus the addition of a heralded pivot performer and a couple of hotshot quards, it won't come as any surprise if the 'dogs put the bite on more than a few SEC opponents this winter.

#### Florida (18-12)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.
Norm Sloan's Gator basketeers last year turned in the school's finest hardwood season since the late 1960's, but heavy hits in the "lettermen lost" category makes a repeat of

that success an uphill climb in 1985-86.

The Gators were decimated up front, where first team All-SEC center Eugene "The Dunking Machine" McDowell is now an NBAer and fellow starter Randall Leath is also gone. That leaves a gap of better than 15 rebounds per game, and Sloan will look to a trio of returnees plus three newcomers to fill in under the boards. Veterans returning include 6-11 senior Mark Saso, redshirt 6-6 frosh Neil Brodus and 6-7 soph Kenny Mc-Clary, the most experienced of the trio with but six minutes a contest a year ago. Recruits who'll get a good look are junior college transfers juniors 6-8 John Currington and 6-5 Melvin Jones plus 6-6 frosh Chris Capers.

The Lawrence brothers, 6-6 junior Joe and 6-7 soph Pat, will handle the big guard-small forward chores for the Gators. Joe (2.9/1.7) and Pat (2.9/1.8) played well in reserve roles a year ago.

Florida's guard play should again be its strong suit, with second team all-league pick Andrew Moten and holdover regular Vernon Maxwell back in uniform. Moten, a 6-0 junior, topped the Gators in scoring a year ago with 16.6 markers an outing and also paced the club in assists with 76. Maxwell, a 6-4 soph, potted 13.3 ppg on the way to earning All-SEC frosh accolades. With 6-0 soph Ronnie Montgomery (2.9) and Pensacola frosh 6-3 Clifford Lett also available, Sloan expects big things from his backcourters.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last season was certainly one for the record books for the Gators - back-to-back winning campaigns, two post-season bids in a row, a pair of wins over Kentucky for the first time in Florida's history, etc. etc. - but the loss of most of the up front veterans will make duplicating those successes next to impossible this hardwood season. Norm Sloan's achievements along the sidelines are legendary, but 1985-86 looks like a rebuilding campaign for the man who can count 541 career victories.

#### Vanderbilt (11-17)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-4

Vandy played doormat for the SEC a year ago, but the return of four starters and the addition of a solid recruiting harvest should give the Commodores at least a measure of revenge

this time out.

The lone '84-'85 regular missing is a key one, however, that being All-SEC guard Phil Cox, who pumped in 16.5 ppg a year ago and graduated as Vandy's all-time leading point producer. Senior 6-3 gunner Jeff Gary (9.2) will get first crack at filling Cox's old spot, where he'd join 5-11 senior Darrell Dulaney in the backcourt. Dulaney topped Vanderbilt in assists a season ago with 102 while averaging nearly 11 points an outing. Battling for playing time will be a highly touted trio of frosh newcomers - 6-4 Barry Booker, 6-4 Barry Goheen and 6-3 Sidney Grider. All three are outstanding shooters who averaged better than 20 points a game in high school.

The Commodores' strength should be in the middle, where 6-10 senior Brett Burrow (14.3/8.0) has developed into one of the SEC's better centers. Burrow will be flanked by returning regulars 6-9 junior Steve Reece (8.0/4.5) and 6-6 junior Glen Clem (8.0/5.8). Redshirt 6-11 soph Will Perdue will back up Burrow, while the forward contingent includes 6-7 JC transfer Randy Neff, 6-7 soph Georgia Tech Import Bud Adams, 6-8 soph letterman Byron Ball (1.7/1.3) and 6-6 junior Bobby Westbrooks, a former starter who missed last year with injuries. Also bidding for playing time will be freshmen newcomers 6-8 Frank Kornet and 6-7 Chip Rupp, grandson of the legendary Ken-

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GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Vandy Coach C.M. Newton has an unusual combination of players to work with this year — four returning starters and nine new faces. He's also got the combination of veteran strength and savvy plus the outstanding potential of his newcomers. Vandy isn't ready to beat up on the big boys of the SEC just yet, but the Commodores shouldn't be pushovers for anyone this season, either.

#### Mississippi (11-17)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Greener than an Irishman's St. Paddy's Day outfit was the look Ole Miss projected the past two years, as freshmen and sophs dominated the Rebel lineup. Now, armed with an experienced cast and fortified by several JUCO standouts, Lee Hunt forecasts his '85-'86 hardwood edition as an improved force in the SEC.

Three of Hunt's top four scorers are back in Ole Miss colors for this season, including All-SEC candidate Curtis Ritchwood. A 6-6 senior forward, Ritchwood hit for a 14.3 ppg average a year ago and recorded a team-leading 7.4 caroms per outing. Senior 6-7 pivot man Derek Horne (4.3/4.8) is ready to go again, as are two players who sat out the season with various injuries, 6-7 soph Bruce Tranbarger and 6-6 frosh Bryan Bowman. Junior 6-5 swingman Joe Ayers (12.5/4.1) will definitely earn a starting spot somewhere after an outstanding soph season, while 6-9 soph Todd Robinson (1.7/1.5) should be improved after seeing game time in 24 contests a year ago. Coach Hunt expects immediate contributions from imported JC talent 6-9 Ronnie Sims and 6-6 forward Eric Smith, although frosh pivot 6-9 Clint Stegall will probably use the season to bulk up his 200-pound frame. Sims is a JC All-American who averaged 18 points a game and collected 10 rebounds per outing for Shelby State CC, while Smith popped for 19 ppg and nearly 10 caroms per tilt as he finished his career at Butler City CC as the school's all-time leading point producer.

If Ayers starts on the backline, his regular companion will be either 6-1 soph Joe Coleman (6.1) or 6-1 junior Andre Laird (3.8), the club's top assist man with 89 feeds last winter. The soph pair of 6-1 Roderick Barnes (1.1) and 6-5 Steve Calhoun (1.6) will fill spot relief roles, while frosh newcomers 6-2 Earl Watkins and 6-2 Keith Kessinger will bid for time at the shooting guard spot. Watkins finished his Mississippi high school career with a 28.6 ppg average, while Kessinger, son of former Reb All-American Donnie Kessinger, netted 15 points an outing.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lee Hunt has patiently tended his Ole Miss "garden" these past two seasons and his hard work should show some "fruit" this winter. He's got a solid cadre of veterans and some fine-looking incoming talent that should mean Mississippi will improve on its dismal 5-13 SEC mark of a season ago.

# Metro Conf.

#### Louisville (19-18)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Last year's 19-18 log and trip to the NIT was a bit of a bummer by Louisville standards, but a solid nucleus of senior performers should get the Cards back on their 20-plus victory schedule in 1985-86.

Coach Denny Crum will welcome back six of his top eight scorers from last winter's NIT Final Four squad, along with now-healthy All-America guard Milt Wagner, who sat out all of last year after breaking his right foot in the season's second contest. The 6-5 Wagner was an All-Metro pick as a junior when he topped the Cards in scoring (16.6), assists (3.9) and free throw percentage (84.9). He'll be teamed again in the backcourt with 6-4 senior Jeff Hall, who potted 12.1 ppg a year ago. He'll top the 1,000-point plateau this season. Also available for duty outside are 6-4 soph swingman Mike Abram (3.7/2.0), 6-3 junior Chris West (2.9/1.4) and 6-1 redshirt frosh

Kevin Walls, who sat out last season after leading the nation's high school ranks with a 44.8 points per game average.

The headliner up front will be All-America candidate 6-7 senior forward Billy Thompson, who showed his versatility a year ago by leading the Cardinals in scoring (15.1), rebounding (8.4) and assists (4.2). Vying for the vacant spots under the bucket are 6-7 junior Mark McSwain (8.4/5.3), sophs 6-7 Herbert Crook (5.6/3.9) and 6-9 Will Olliges, plus 6-6 senior Robbie Valentine.

Don't overlook the Cards' incoming crop of recruits, for there's a high school A-A or two among 'em! The lone backliner is 6-4 guard Keith Williams, with the other youngsters now in Louisville uniform including 6-9 Pervis Ellison, 6-7 Tony Kimbro, 6-7 Avery Marshall, 6-7 Kenny Payne and 6-8 David Robinson. Kimbro and Payne each earned All-America accolades their final scholastic campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Injuries crippled the Cards a year ago, handing the club its first season under 20 wins in Denny Crum's 14 years as Louisville bossman. With four outstanding seniors leading the way, and featuring a frosh class that's been called the best in the nation, Denny Crum's boys look set to atone for that "sin" of a season ago.

#### Memphis St (31-4)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Is there life after Keith Lee in Tigerland? You bet your stripes there is! Just ask Dana Kirk. The veteran MSU mentor welcomes back four starters who learned to live without Lee last winter when the A-A forward ran into foul trouble over the

last third of the '84-'85 campaign.

Not that Lee's departure isn't of major consequence. The first round NBA draftee leaves MSU as the school's all-time leading scorer (2,408 points) and rebounder (1,336). His departure will shift the under-the-bucket work onto the strong shoulders of 7-0 junior center William Bedford and 6-7 senior forward Baskerville Holmes. Bedford did an outstanding job on both ends of the hardwood last year, netting 12.2 ppg with 7.6 rebounds while snuffing 91 opponent's shots. Holmes, the club's most improved player last year, scored at a 9.6 ppg clip and pulled down nearly six caroms a contest. A couple of sophs, 6-9 Dewayne Bailey (1.6/1.6) and 6-6 David Jensen (1.4/0.9), earned valuable experience last year, but they'll have to beat out frosh newcomers 6-7, 235-pound Marvin Alexander, 6-6 Rodney Douglas and 6-5 Vincent Robinson. Alexander is being hailed as the Tigers' power forward of the future, while Robinson was Alabama's "Mr. Basketball" after netting 32 ppg his final scholastic campaign.

Piloting the Tiger attack once more will be the "Little General," 5-10 senior playmaker Andre Turner, whose scoring (11.4 ppg) and assist ability (6.6 a game) turned on the fans during the NCAA wars. His continued fine play could result in an A-A nomination at year's end. With the return of 6-5 soph Vincent Askew (8.3 ppg/170 assists), Memphis State will have its best two-guard offense ever. Providing capable backup work off the bench will be 6-3 soph Dwight Boyd (2.9) and 6-3 junior John Wilfong (1.8), while 6-5 Sidney Adkins will become eligible in the second semester and will add to MSU's outside shooting

capabilities.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Don't spend too much time feeling sorry for Dana Kirk just 'cause he's lost the talents of Keith Lee! Memphis State's effort last winter was certainly a dream season and the best in school history, one that we frankly don't expect to be repeated this time out, but you can't take this '85-'86 entry lightly. Kirk's cagers should be a solid threat in the Metro as they bid for a return to the NCAA limelight.

#### Virginia Tech (20-9)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The return of super guard Dell Curry is a major bonus for the Hokies, but the loss of the club's top scorer, rebounder and assist man from last season poses a huge challenge if Virginia Tech is to remain in the College Basketball national spotlight in '85-'86.

Coach Charlie Moir enters his ninth year as Hokie head man wondering who'll emerge to fill the gaps left by the departure

of forward Perry Young (18.5 ppg/7.4 reebs) and guard Al Young (118 assists). Curry, a 6-4 senior backliner, will be forced into more of a leadership role, and he's more than capable of handling that responsibility. A candidate for A-A honors, Curry hit for 18.2 points a game a year ago, collected 5.8 rebounds, had 91 assists, 69 steals and 19 blocked shots. There's little else to choose from on the backline, however, with only 6-2 junior Mark Whitaker (2.7) offering letterman experience. Making bids for playing time will be 6-2 frosh George Caesar and 6-4 soph swingman Johnny Fort, a transfer from lowa.

Depsite the loss of Young, the Hokie cupboard is far from barren up front where seniors 6-9 Bobby Beecher and 6-6 Keith Colbert hold over. Beecher averaged 11.8 points and 6.2 caroms a game last season, while Colbert pitched in 10.8 markers and hauled down 6.1 rebounds. The "big man," in more ways than one, under the bucket, however, will be 6-11 soph center Roy Brow (3.0/2.2), who blocked 34 shots last season but overall was an up-and-down performer in his rookie season. Also looking for game time in the paint are lettermen 6-8 senior Dave Burgess (2.9/1.8), 6-6 junior Craig Eversoll (1.5/0.5) and 6-6 junior Phil Williams (2.5/2.4) plus frosh newcomers 6-7 Tim Anderson and 6-9 Greg Brink.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Charlie Moir's never going to be embarassed by the club he presents to the opposition, but this year's Hokies may have to be satisfied with the role of "spoiler" rather than "contender" in the Metro. The presence of a super tough schedule plus the need for youngsters to grow up in a hurry to fill vital spots makes us believe VPI is a longshot to repeat last season's NCAA performance.

## South Carolina (15-13)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

The Gamecocks dressed two different teams a year ago. One was a standout bunch, posting a 15-2 record in the friendly confines of Carolina Coliseum, while the other was welcomed on the road like a visiting rich aunt as the 'cocks posted a rather gamey 0-11 mark when they dressed as visitors.

For Coach Bill Foster, then, the challenge is to make his club believe every game is a home game and with four holdover starters, he could surprise a few people in the Metro this year. The lone loss is up front, where center Mike Brittain is now an SC alum. Returning for their senior seasons, however, are 6-10 Duane Kendall (7.7/5.8) and 6-6 Linwood Moye (15.3/8.5), who copped both the team scoring and rebounding crowns a year ago. Filling in for Brittain will be a pair of super frosh, twin brothers Terry and Perry Dozier, fresh from the Baltimore basketball factory called Dunbar High. Terry, at 6-9, was a McDonald's All-American and should play at power forward, while the 6-10 Perry will contribute in the pivol. Newcomers 6-7 Darryl Martin, a JC import who tossed in 23 ppg and grabbed at average of 14 reebs, plus freshman 6-7 Bill Vernau will contend with soph returnee 6-8 Tarone Thornton (5.7/3.2) for their share of playing time.

Both incumbents return to the Gamecock backcourt in the persons of 6-2 junior Michael Foster and 6-6 soph Keith James. James paced the backline in scoring (12.4 ppg) while contributing 85 assists and 33 steals, while Foster was the ace dishoff man with 145 feeds and a steady 8.3 points an outing. He also registered a team-leading 44 thefts. Seniors 6-0 Tom Stierle (2.0) and 6-0 Chris Troutman (1.5) plus 6-4 soph Tony Shaw (4.4) provide dependable relief work off the bench.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Inexperience hurt SC a year ago, but that suffering should be forgotten when Bill Foster tools out his sixth version of Gamecocks. Don't forget last year's young 'cocks defeated Louisville and Memphis State, and don't forget Foster has landed some outstanding new talent like the Doziers, Martin and Vernau. Stir in a solid returning nucleus and it spells a successful South Carolina season — if they can overcome what last year was terminal homesickness!

# Cincinnati (17-14)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.
Tony Yates is walking on water these days around Cincin-

Tony Yates is walking on water these days around Cincinnati! A miracle worker who's been nominated for sainthood by Bearcat believers, Yates guided Cinci to a 17-14 log and third place Metro finish last year after the 'cats had suffered through a 3-25 debacle the previous season.

So what do you do for an encore? Yates' turnaround of the Bearcats made the club the most improved in major College Basketball and Yates the Metro coach of the year. Stepping forward to meet the challenge of the upcoming campaign will be four holdover starters, topped by all-league hopeful 6-7 senior forward Myron Hughes (10.6/8.1), who'll be teamed again on the frontline with 6-9 senior pointman Brian Helm (6.5/5.4) and 6-6 senior forward Kenneth Henry (7.5/4.6). Providing valuable relief work again will be 6-8 soph Cedric Glover (1.0/1.6), 6-6 senior Troy Thompson (2.9/1.7) and 6-3 junior Joe Stiffend (5.2/3.0). Yates recruited three big freshmen for the frontline in 6-10 Jeff Flynn, 6-7 Steve Jackson and 6-8 Anthony May, all of whom have reputations as scorers and board-pounders.

The headliner in the backcourt will be 6-4 soph Roger Mc-Clendon, who last season became the first frosh in 10 years to lead the Bearcats in scoring. McClendon pumped up 12.4 points a game, most of his shooting coming from the perimeter as he topped the club in shooting percentage (52.3). He also came up with 55 assists and 26 steals to earn Metro All-Frosh honors. The big gap on the backline is that left by the graduation of standout point guard Derrick McMillan. The battle to fill that vacancy lists 6-3 junior Calvin Phiffer and sophs 6-2 Don Ruehl and 5-5 Romell Shorter (2.5) as the primary contenders. Phiffer saw extensive playing time as a starter at both guard spots and small forward two seasons back, but was redshirted last year while recovering from knee surgery. Also available for backline duty is three-year letterman 6-0 senior Tony Wilson (3.7).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Normally, the return of four starters, nine of your top 10 players and the addition of quality freshmen to a club that showed super progress would forecast a big season ahead. Unfortunately, that may not be the case for Cinci. Almost every squad in the tough Metro improved via the recruiting harvest, while the Bearcats' schedule has been ranked among the 10 toughest in the nation. Additionally, the value of graduated point guard Derrick McMillan can't be understated. Regardless, look for Tony Yates to continue the improvement his club has shown, although it may not be manifested in another excellent won-lost mark for the 'cats.

# Florida St (14-16)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

Florida State was just a rebound away from going to the NCAA Tourney a year ago, and despite the loss of four starters, Coach Joe Williams thinks his '85-'86 edition will be an even stronger club.

The logic of that opinion might be questioned, since the Seminoles lost center Alton Lee Gipson and his 19.1 scoring average to the NBA, along with Metro Tourney MVP Dean Shaffer and Maurice Myrick, who played more games for FSU than any player in school history.

But Williams does have 6-8 junior jumping Jack Randy Allen as his bread-and-butter performer this winter. Allen, a surefire All-America candidate, potted 15.6 points a game a year ago while picking off an average of 6.8 rebounds. Where Allen plays depends on how well transfers 6-10 Raleigh Choice and 6-10 Tony Karasek work into the lineup. If both prove they can do the job, Allen will probably play on the wing where he'll be the main shooter for FSU. Should Allen wind up back inside, the leading wing candidate is 6-8 soph Jerome Fitchett (6.8/3.8). Newcomers up front are 6-6 freshmen William "Tat" Hunter and George McCloud, both first team all-state picks.

Three transfers and a veteran will compete for the point guard slot, with 6-0 junior LaRae Davis a notch up for the starting job. Senior 5-11 Thomas Mabry is a letter-winning contender, along with imports 6-1 soph Craig Mateer and 6-1 junior PeeWee Barber, a JC All-American. Snatching up the second guard responsibilities will be 6-8 senior David Shaffer, who has size, shooting touch and unselfish passing skills. Soph 6-4 Tony Carter is also a challenger for the job.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Is this really a better team than last year's talented but disappointing Seminole array? Joe

Williams has won 351 games as a college head coach, so he must know what he's talking about. Still, some of us are from Missouri, and FSU still has to show GAMEPLAN that Williams isn't being overly optimistic.

# Southern Miss (7-21)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Above Avg.

M.K. Turk will go into his 10th year as Eagles head man ready to preside over a crap shoot for the five starting jobs. Turk will toss all his players into the air and whomever lands right side up and wearing sneakers will get the regular work.

Rolling the dice for the backcourt berths will be 6-3 junior Kenny Siler, 6-5 senior Michael Jett, 6-2 soph Casey Fisher, 6-6 soph John White and frosh newcomer 6-2 Terry Hollins, Fisher is the top returning scorer (10.1) and assist man (113), while Jett also showed he knows how to score (9.4 ppg) as did Siler (9.0), who also recorded 97 feeds. White started on occasion and netted 5.4 markers an outing. Frosh Hollins is an Alabama all-stater who popped for 24.5 and grabbed 9.3 reebs per game

during his final scholastic season.

There's a bit of experience returning up front in the persons of 6-7 junior Steve Jett (3.1/2.0) and 6-7 soph Randolph Keys (4.6/2.5), but certainly not enough to compensate for the loss of James Williams, the Eagles' leading pointmaker (16.3) and rebounder (8.2) last winter. Soph 6-6 Derrek Hamilton (2.8/2.9) played sparingly a year ago, so it looks like Coach Turk will have at least one and maybe more of his newcomers in the starting lineup when the season tips off. Center 6-10 John Ginley brings a 17.4 points per game and 10.0 rebound average to Southern Miss from Lakeland JC, while freshmen 6-7 Willie Brown and 6-6 Jurado Hinton have both proven they know how to get the ball in the hole. Brown was a Mississippi all-stater who averaged 21.0 points and snared 15.0 rebounds per game his senior high school campaign, while Hinton is another homegrown product who also made all-state by way of 23.5 scoring and 15.0 rebounding averages.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Eagles 7-21 mark of a winter ago looks terrible on paper but wasn't really all that bad. Consider that Southern Miss played 14 games against teams that went either to the NCAAs or NIT, and eight times the Eagles were on the short end of the score by five or less points. The departure of Williams is a big hole to fill, but we still expect Turk's club to put a few more wins on the board

this time around.

# Ohio Valley

# Middle Tennessee (17-14)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average
The new kid on the block has 'em all worried — and with good reason. Schedule-Average

A year ago at this time, the Blue Raider hoop program was an unknown quantity with a new, young head coach in Bruce Stewart and just three players returning to the roster.

Stewart went out and molded a team that pulled off three major upsets in the OVC Tournament enroute to an NCAA bid where the Raiders played powerful North Carolina to a standoff for 35 minutes.

And with four starters from that club back in uniform, MTSU rates at least a mention as one of the favorites for the OVC title this time around. Leading the Raider charge again will be the league's top point producer, 6-3 senior guard Kim Cooksey, who pumped in 17.3 ppg a year ago, along with 6-7, 240-pound soph board banger Kerry Hammonds, who netted 14 ppg and picked off 8 rebounds an outing to earn all-league freshman honors.

The beat goes on with the return of 6-5 senior swingman James Johnson (5.8/4.3), whose most important stats showed a team-leading 121 assists and a league-best 63 steals. Also returning is 5-11 soph guard Neal Murray (3.7), who dished off 114 times a year ago and won all-frosh kudos, plus 6-8 Junior Billy Miller (3.8/3.0), who played very well

down the stretch.

Stewart is also excited about redshirts Dwayne Rainey, a 6-7, 270-pound bruiser described as a "Charles Barkley type;" 6-7 soph swingman Tyrus Baynham, a good leaper and shooter; plus 6-3 junior guard Andrew Tunstill, an outstanding defensive player. JC import 6-4 Duane Washington could also make an immediate impact at point guard.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Blue Raiders will bang heads with a tough slate early in the season, but if they survive those encounters, this team is gonna be super tough down the stretch. Quicker, stronger and better leapers although lacking in experience is Coach Stewart's candid assessment of his charges, and GAMEPLAN agrees completely. The Raiders are for real.

# Tennessee Tech (19-9)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
TTU faithful will take more than a casual interest when OVC basket-

ball coaches make their annual pre-season predictions this year. First, the Golden Eagles are defending league champs and, second, Coach Tom Deaton has correctly forecast his club's end-of-the-year finish in

his five previous seasons at the Golden Eagles' helm.

TTU lost three key players with the graduations of Carlton Clarington, Jimmy Elliott and Lonnie Boone, who combined for more than 30 points a game with Clarington handing out a school record 210 assists. Top candidates to succeed Clarington are 5-11 soph Stacy Sturghill (1.5) and 5-11 frosh newcomer Anthony Avery. Senior 6-2 Joe Mintz earned a starling role in last year's final seven games, averaging over 10 ppg to lock up a regular job this time around. Senior 6-0 Tim Vaughn, 6-5 senior Joe Jones (3.9/2.9) and walk-on 6-5 frosh Harold Smith will challenge for backcourt playing time.

The major key to the Golden Eagles success will be the play of 6-6 senior forward Stephen Kite, the OVC's "player of the year" last season. As a junior, Kite averaged 16.3 points an outing and picked off 7.6 caroms per game despite a late-season slump. The proof of Kite's value to this club is the fact that with Kite as the leading point producer, the Eagles were 11-3, without him just 8-6. Helping out up front will be returning veterans 6-6 senior Jon Miller (4.1/3.0) and 6-9 junior James Henry (3.0/3.3), who showed promise but is also erratic. Newcomers figuring in (3.0/3.3), who showed promise but is also erratic. Newcomers figuring in Coach Deaton's gameplan are 6-7 frosh Lester Hayes, a power forward type; 6-4 swingman and fine shooter Keith Turner, plus 6-6 Memphis frosh Keith Jefferson, who fits in as a small forward.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: GAMEPLAN told you last year that TTU was of championship caliber. They were, and we're gonna tell ya the same for 1985-86! Although some may underrate this Golden Eagles.

squad due to the heavy graduation losses, we think Kite will lead a fine looking group of newcomers plus some steady veteran holdovers into a

challenging position in the OVC title chase.

# Youngstown State (19-11)

Schedule-Average

Mike Rice came to Youngstown State University with a reputation as a coach who could build winners. He has done that with the Penguin basketball program, finishing last year with a 19-11 mark and a berth in the OVC Tournament finals just seconds away from claiming the league's NCAA bid. That's the good news. The bad news is that four players who were prominent in the team's success, Troy Williams, Ray Robinson, John Keshock and Kevin Cherry, are all gone. That leaves

Rice with a big rebuilding job.

Keshock will be the toughest to replace. An All-OVC pick last year, the 6-6 forward averaged 15 points and 7 rebounds and earned league tournament MVP honors. Robinson, at 6-7, and Williams, also 6-7, gave the Penguins a decent inside tandem, so Rice concentrated his recruiting in that area. His effort paid off as he landed 6-9 James Wilson from Aurora, Colorado, 6-8 forward Eric Jacobs from New Middleton, Ohio and 6-8 Brad Shank, a Mayfield, Ohio native from the high school ranks. Joining the Penguins from the junior college circuit are 6-8 Robert Johnson, who averaged 20.1 points and 8.6 rebounds, and Greg Larkins, a 6-8 forward coming in at 16.3 and 5.7. Size was needed, size was found.

The backcourt should be in pretty good shape. Bruce Timko has run the show from the point for two two years and contributed 136 assists last season. At 5-11, he is one of the league's more creative playmakers. Joining Timko in the backcourt could be 6-3 senior Garry Robbins, who averaged 8 points per game last season, or Pittsburgh sophomore Johnny Robinson, a 6-2 speedster. 6-51/2 Vaughn Luton can backup at

guard or forward, as needed.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The 1985-86 Penguin squad will be characterized by a definite lack of experience. What it lacks in experience, however, it will make up for in size. Rice feels his recruiting work brought in the "the best group of athletes I've ever had as a Division I coach." That bodes well for future Youngstown teams, but for this season a break-even final log could be the best the Penguins can hope

# Murray St (19-9)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Average

Like the theme of that recent movie, it's "Starting Over" time at Mur-ray State. Not only have three of the top performers from last year's fine club departed the scene, but so has Ron Greene, leaving it up to ex-assistant and new mentor Steve Newton to get the job done.

Newton's first task is shoring up the inside game, where half of last year's scoring and rebounding was lost via graduation. The Racers do welcome back 6-7 senior Chuck Glass (10.3/5.9), who led the club in assists (112) and steals (46). But even his job might not be safe, given the fact Newton has imported 6-9 Darrell Pace from Highland CC, 6-6 frosh Jeff Martin and 6-7 JUCO transfer Derrick Flowers. Pace averaged nearly 20 points and 10 reebs a game while blocking 200 shots in two JC seasons, while Martin was a 32-point-per-game scorer in high school. Also looking to get some stats in the "minutes played" category are 6-7 junior Curtis Davis (2.0/1.7) and 6-6 senior Owen Bronston (3.6/1.8).
There's a crowd of competitors in the backcourt, where 6-5 senior

Zedric Macklin (12.2/2nd in assists) is a returning incumbent. He'll be joined by super shooting JC transfer 6-2 Tony Ford and frosh George Kimbrough, a 6-4 Kentucky all-star. Frosh 6-5 Greg Wright could also see duty here in a swing role. At the point, the battle for the regular's spot will feature JC All-American 6-1 Glenn Sanders and 5-10 frosh Don Mann. Sanders averaged 16 points a game for Jefferson (Mo.) College, while Mann is a Tennessee all-star who netted better than 26 points an

outing.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Steve Newton has done a good job in a short time pulling some fine looking recruits to Murray State, but it doesn't appear to be enough to compensate for the loss of a fifth round NBA draft choice (Mike Lahm) and two All-OVC performers (Vada Martin and Craig Talley). The Racers have a superlative record in the OVC over the last half dozen seasons, and they'll probably make another strong

run for the top - next year!

# Morehead State (7-20)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average
Painful as it was, the Morehead State Eagles appear to have profited Schedule-Average

from last year's learning experience and look to be ready to teach OVC rivals a thing or two this time around!

Giving the majority of lessons for Coach Wayne Martin's club will be 6-9 soph forward Bob McCann, who last season finished second in the OVC in scoring (17.1) and tops in board-pounding (9.7 caroms a game). McCann earned All-OVC honors and his 74 blocked shots helped him win designation as the league's "newcomer of the year." Three others who were new faces a year ago will play major roles in this season's efforts. Junior 6-6 Willie Feldhaus (8.8/4.0) started every game last season after transferring from Itawamba JC, while 6-5 soph forward Roland Chadwick (6.5/3.9) and 5-10 soph guard Talbert Turner (9.8) were both named to the OVC All-Frosh team a year ago.

The rest of the frontcourt brigade includes 6-7 junior Pate Clements (2.9/3.4), 6-5 senior Brian Kelly (1.1), redshirt 6-8 frosh Darrin Hale and freshman newcomer 6-8 Mike Chaney. The backliners available number 6-2 soph Mike Harrison, who was in the MSU starting lineup down the stretch last winter, averaging 5.1 points and 2.7 reebs an outing; frosh redshirts 6-7 Kevin Simpson and 6-3 Jeff Thomberry, plus three signees—6-3 Jimmy "Bo" Rivers, 6-1 Marlon McBride and 6-4 Jeff Griffin. Frosh Rivers is a Florida all-stater who'll push for a starting Job, while McBride has been tabbed as one of the nation's best JC point guards. Griffin could be the sleeper of the bunch, having led his Ken-

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Just like in life, sometimes you've got to take your lumps before you get your chance. This season could be that chance for the Morehead Staters, who'll toss an experienced batch of cagers at this year's competition. Miracles don't necessarily happen overnight, but the maturity gained in combat last season should mean a

much improved won-lost mark for this year's Eagle entry.

#### Akron (12-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average Quick, now, name the OVC team that achieved the most last season?

you tapped the Akron Zips, you're an OVC ace for certain.

Despite a new coach, just a few players returning from the previous year and designation by most as the also-ran in the league, Akron carved out a respectable 12-14 record in Bob Huggins first year at the helm. This time around, despite the loss of 6-8 center Bryan Roth, the team's leading scorer and board-banger, Huggins thinks the Zips can do it

Akron will build this year's cage force around holdovers 6-2 senior James Merchant and 6-4 junior John Loyer at guard, plus 6-6 junior forward Doug Schutz. Merchant earned accolades a year ago as he averaged 13.7 ppg and pulled down an average of 4.4 reebs, while Loyer chipped in with 6.5 points a game. Schutz, who transferred in from Cleveland

State, contributed 8 points and 4 rebounds an outing.

Acknowledging that size will be a problem, Huggins said the Zips may go with a three-forward and two-guard setup. Due to move in alongside Schutz up front is 6-7 junior Marcel Boyce, a transfer from Albert JC in Oklahoma where he potted 25 points a game while clearing 14 caroms per tilt. Competing for the other spot under the boards are veteran 6-7 senior Darius Moss, walk-on footballer Chris Kelley (6-4, 220) and incoming 6-6 frosh Shawn Roberts. In the backcourt, look for freshman recruit 5-10 Eric McLaughlin to battle Loyer for playing time at point guard. A good shooter, McLaughlin also registered 11 caroms a game in high school.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Bob Huggins got an awful lot out of his cage charges a year ago, and the carryover enthusiasm is firing up the Zips this time around. Still, Akron will need strong efforts from a good-looking batch of newcomers and another excellent output from its veteran contingent if the Zips are to continue their move up the OVC lad-

# Eastern Kentucky (16-13)

Starters Returning-2

EKU returns six lettermen from last year's second place OVC club, but Coach Max Good has to completely rebuild his front court if the Colonels are to have even a chance of duplicating last season's fine show-

Heading the list of returnees is the back court duo of 6-2 junior Antonio Parris plus 6-1 senior John DeCamillis. Parris, who earned honorable mention All-America notice his first two years of college, struggled through an injury-filled '84-'85 campaign but still posted a 14.5 scoring mark. DeCamillis netted nearly 10 ppg and finished second in the OVC in assists with 151 after leading the league in feeds his first

two EKU seasons. Key losses for the Colonels came under the boards, where centerforwards Phil Hill and John Primm each averaged over nine caroms a contest and helped EKU post the nation's third best rebounding stats in '84-'85. Good will be looking to soph returnees 6-5 Lewis Spence (5.6/2.3) and 6-7 Tyrone Howard (2,8/2.2), plus redshirts 6-6 frosh Shawnie Ander-son and 6-8 senior Gary Powell to pick up the slack left by the Hill-Primm graduations. Also getting long looks in the front court will be frosh 6-7

Randolph Taylor, the AAU MVP out of South Carolina, 6-8 Nelson Davie and 6-8 Steve Conley.

Rounding out the roster will be backcourters 8-4 frosh Mario Pearson, a good-looking newcomer from Detroit, and 6-7 swingman Timmy Lewis, South Carolina's Class AA "player of the year" his final scholastic cam-

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Younger than springtime will be EKU's 1985-86 basketball edition, with just two seniors on the roster and 12 of the 15 rostered players sophomores or frosh. Coach Good needs big season's success. Young teams are generally exciting but unpredictable, and those labels fit EKU's basketball outlook for the coming campalgn.

# Austin Peay (8-19)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average
Around Clarksville, Tenn., there's an excitement in the air you can't
miss. It's "Peaymania," a contagious hoop fever that's been missing Schedule—Average

since Lake Kelly departed the Governor program back in '77

Well, Kelly is back and so is Peaymania, the symptoms of which are 20-win seasons, NCAA tourney victories and national recognition. The Governors return last season's top four scorers and that should keep Peaymania at a fever pitch. Senior 6-5 swingman Robert Biggers heads the list after topping the club in scoring a year ago with a 13.3 average, good enough for a second team All-OVC berth. He'll be rejoined by the senior trio of 5-11 guard Pat Day (8.7 ppg), 6-5 forward Gerald Gray (13.0/6.0) and 6-6 forward-center James Colson (10.2/5.5).

But that veteran group isn't assured of starting positions, not with the return of redshirts like 6-7 senior Bob Thomas, a strong rebounder and tough defender, plus 6-8 junior Darryl Bedford, a transfer from Arkansas

who showed he can play the game.

Another import who'll get a good look is 6-3 soph guard John Brown, who saw game time at UAB, plus 6-1 junior point guard Richie Armstrong, who comes to Austin Peay after being selected co-player of the year in Georgia's junior colleges. Not to be overlooked is 6-3 junior Mike Hicks, who pumped in nearly 27 points a game last season for Volunteer

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lake Kelly's got an impressive record of success to try and duplicate in his second go-around as Austin Peay head man — and he just might have the talent on hand to do it. Last year's club finished near the bottom of the OVC in scoring and defense, so there's plenty of room for improvement. A solid corps of veterans along with some fine incoming talent should keep Clarksville hopping with Peaymania.



# BIG EIGHT AND MISSOURI VALLEY

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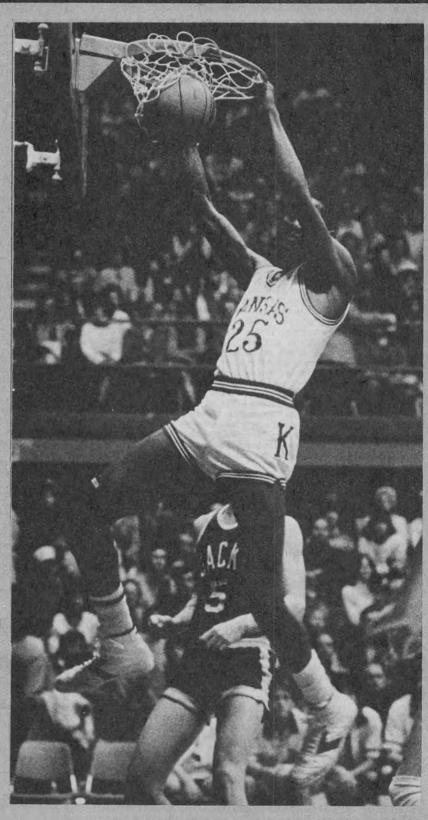
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Exciting sophomore forward Danny Manning is expected to lead Larry Brown's Jayhawks to a Big Eight Championship this season.



# Big Eight

## Kansas (26-8)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Above Avg.

What more is there to be said about a team that has all five starters and 12 lettermen returning from last year's squad that was 26-8 and ranked in the Top Twenty the entire campaign?

Doesn't that just about say it all, friends?

The exciting Jayhawks are loaded for bear, starting right in the middle where 7-1 pivot Greg Dreiling is back for his senior campaign. Dreiling showed marked improvement in his scoring (13.1) and rebounding (6.9) a year ago, and if that improvement continues, look out! Out at one flank will be standout 6-11 soph Danny Manning, the club's ace board banger (7.6 per game) who also contributed 14.6 ppg. He was NBC TV's "frosh of the year" in College Basketball last season. At the other wing will be 6-5 senior shooter extra-ordinaire Ron Kellogg, the Jayhawks top point producer last season with 17.6 per game. He also corralled 4.3 boards an outing, led in steals (58), was runnerup in assists with 108 and his 34 blocked shots were second only to Dreiling's total of 55 snuffs.

There's depth on the baseline as well, with the likes of JUCO tranfer 6-6 Archie Marshall, 6-4 soph Milt Newton (3.2/1.6), sophs 6-8 Chris Piper, 6-7 Rodney Hull (3.2/1.6) and 6-8 Mark Pellock (1.8/1.7) and freshman newcomer 6-7 Jerry Johnson.

Holding over in the first string backcourt jobs are 6-6 senior Calvin Thompson, a three-year letterman, and 6-0 junior Cedric Hunter. Thompson averaged 13.7 points an outing and was Kansas' "Mr. Clutch," on four occasions tossing in last second hoops to win games. Hunter came into his own in the second half of last winter, netting 6.7 points a game and leading the team in assists with 145. Also doing well in the feeds department was 5-10 junior point guard Mark Turgeon, who's started 20 games over the past two seasons and contributed more than 200 assists.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Coach Larry Brown's kids from Kansas have got all it takes to make a run at big time national honors this season — experience, size, shooting ability, good defense, depth and leadership. It seems all Coach Brown has to do is tell 'em where and when to show up for games! If Jimmy Durante's nose was full of nickles, he'd bet 'em all that KU will make it to the NCAAs this winter for the third straight time,

a new Jayhawk record.

# Oklahoma (31-6)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

A history that shows four straight 20-win seasons and tourney appearances, back-to-back Big Eight titles, Top Ten rankings the past two years and four starters returning from a club that won more games than any other team in conference annals should let you know that Oklahoma's a team on a high.

But to keep that impressive list of statistics alive, Coach Billy Tubbs has to fill the gigantic slot in the front line formerly occupied by Wayman Tisdale. Unless you've been researching the sexual habits of some remote Himalayan tribe the last few years, you know that Tisdale passed up his senior season as a Sooner to go for the big gold of the NBA. With his departure, Tisdale took with him the Big Eight career scoring record and a

myriad of other school and conference marks.

Tubbs acknowledges that "you never really can replace a player the caliber of Wayman Tisdale," but those who believe OU basketball's about to drop off the edge of the earth just 'cause Wayman's a pro are in store for some surprises. One of those who'll be asked to pick up the scoring slack is 6-5 junior forward Darryl Kennedy, a second team All-Big Eighter whose 15.7 ppg average was runnerup to Tisdale's 25.2 norm a year ago. Kennedy plays much taller than his 6-5 frame and is super tough around the bucket, averaging 8.3 rebounds a contest. Versatile 6-6 senior Anthony Bowie will probably open at the

other flank, where he netted 13.4 points a game a year ago and pulled down 5.8 boards. He's also capable of doing the job at

either quard.

There's more hopefuls in the race for the other up front berth than there are contestants in the "Guess Dolly Parton's Bra Size Contest." Included in the group are 6-7 junior David Johnson (8.8/5.6), who was handicapped by an injured ankle last season; 6-7 junior Chuck Watson (1.8/2.2) and 6-10 soph Joe Seager, who has the potential to be a good shooting forward. Also bidding for the job will be freshmen such as 6-6 Leonard Flowers, last year's Oklahoma "player of the year" in the scholastic ranks, 6-10 Stacey King, 6-8 Javin Johnson and 6-8 Anthony Martin, a Los Angeles high schooler who was among the nation's top 25 power forward prospects. Than there's 6-8 Ron Roberts, who comes to Oklahoma after earning first team JC All-America honors at Independence, Kansas.

The big name in the Sooner backcourt again will be 6-3 junior Tim McCalister, a two-year starter who set a school record with 90 steals last season. "T-Mac" popped for 13.1 points a game, picked off 3.5 boards and recorded a nifty 185 assists in an all-around super performance. Senior Linwood Davis should be in line for starting duty at the point, where he dished off on 118 occasions, scored 4.5 points a game and played excellent man-to-man defense. Senior Shawn Clark (6.3) can shoot with the best of 'em, while 6-3 senior William Tisdale (2.6) continues to battle knee problems. Also available for the upcoming campaign will be 6-3 frosh Conley Phipps, who was redshirted last year. One of the most prolific scorers in Oklahoma high school history, Phipps is OU's best pure shooter.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With the exception of a second place national finish almost 40 years ago, the '84-'85 season goes down as the best in Oklahoma history. Unfortunately, it also marked the final campaign for one of the finest frontcourt performers ever in the Big Eight, Wayman Tisdale. Despite that big loss, however, Coach Billy Tubbs has talent galore ready to tip off the new season, and Oklahoma's '85-'86 entry shapes up as rugged and ready to take on any and all comers.

## Iowa St (21-13)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

The lowa State Cyclones are coming off their best season in school history. Last year's team finished a solid third in the Big Eight behind Top Ten ranked Kansas and Oklahoma. The Cyclones also went to the NCAAs for the first time since 1944, losing in the first round to a tough Ohio State team. With four starters back from last year's fine team, one would think that Coach Johnny Orr would be full of optimism going into this season. Actually, that's not the case, because Orr must replace that one starter, and you can bet that won't be easy! Graduated small forward Barry Stevens was a three-time All-American. Stevens (21.7) leaves lowa State as the school's all-time leading scorer, not to mention the Big Eight's No. 2 scorer behind Waymon Tisdale. Replacing this young man will definitely not be easy.

The strength of this year's team will probably be in the backcourt where the starting duo of 6-3 senior Jeff Hornacek and 6-4 sophomore Gary Thompkins return. Hornacek (12.5) is one of the best all-around guards in the country, who can beat you with either his shooting (52 percent) or his passing (166 assists). Thompkins (5.6) is a solid man to have on the point. He runs the offense without really forcing the issue. Although he's a good shooter (53 percent), his real forte is passing as evidenced by his 146 assists a year ago. The first guard off the bench will again be 6-4 senior Ron Virgil (4.0), one of the best sixth men in the Big Eight. Providing depth at guard will be 6-2 incoming frosh Maurice Poole, an All-State performer in

Michigan last year. Also in the picture at guard is the swingman duo of 6-4 sophomore Eli Parker (3.3) and 6-5 redshirt frosh Elmer Robinson. Parker is an immensely talented player who just needs some time to refine his game. Either Parker or Robinson could end up as the starting small forward.

Certain to start at one forward is 6-5 sophomore Jeff Grayer (12.2/6.5), one of the best freshmen in the nation a year ago. If Grayer is not joined by either Parker or Robinson, look for 6-7 junior transfer Tom Schaefer out of Illinois to move into the starting lineup. Also in the hunt for a starting job is 6-8 soph Lafester Rhodes (2.1), who filled in at forward and center a year ago.

Big 6-9 junior Sam Hill (10.1/7.3) returns to start at center after leading the team in rebounding a year ago. Backing up Hill is former starter 6-9 senior David Moss (2.5), who was bothered by a knee injury a year ago. Also in the picture is 6-9 incoming frosh Darryl Spinks, who is expected to see exten-

sive duty at the center and big forward positions.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: We expect the Cyclones to keep rolling this year despite the loss of All-American Barry Stevens. Iowa State has one of the better backcourt duos around in Hornacek and Thompkins, who should emerge more as a scorer this season. Up front, the Cyclones possess great depth and this should allow them to wear down the opposition. A Big Eight championship might be a bit too much to ask for with Kansas and Oklahoma around, but there's no question that State will finish at or near the top in the Big Eight. Coach Johnny Orr deserves a healthy rap on the back for the fine job he's done in building a hoop power at lowa State.

# Nebraska (16-14)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

For the last three seasons, the Huskers court program has been built around a 6-11 blonde who was born just 50 miles down the road from Lincoln. And with the '85-'86 season awaiting the tipoff, there ain't nothin' been changed regarding

that strategy.

Once again, Coach Moe Iba's main man will be senior pivot Dave Hoppen (23.5/8.6), on his way to becoming Nebraska's all-time leading scorer, the Big Eight's second career point producer to Waymon Tisdale and perhaps Nebraska's first consensus hardwood All-American. The Omaha native is also the country's ace returning marksman, having hit 64.6 percent of

his field goal tries a year ago.

As solid as the Cornhuskers are in the middle, however, there's a question or two at the forward slots. Small forward Curtis Moore (13.5/6.0) has graduated, with the returnees being 6-9 junior Bill Jackman (6.3/3.0), 6-7 senior John Matzke (2.4/1.8) and little-used lettermen 6-5 senior Chris Logan, 6-6 junior Mike Martz and 6-7 soph Keith Neubert. The top two candidates, however, could be JUCO imports 6-5 Bernard Day and 6-8 Deak Vance, both of whom earned some All-America recognition at Moberly (Mo.) and Dodge City, respectively. Day's specialty is defense, while Vance netted 20.0 ppg and picked off 10.2 boards per tilt during his final JUCO season.

The Huskers look to be solid in the backcourt, where they return their top four players of a year ago in starters 6-1 junior Brian Carr and 6-3 senior Harvey Marshall plus top reserves 6-2 senior Demetrius Buchanan (2.4) and 6-2 soph Joel Sealer (1.4). Carr had an outstanding season at the point, averaging 9.5 points and a Big Eight record 7.9 feeds a game, while Marshall (10.7) was troubled by streak shooting, but when he was on was simply spectacular. Nebraska was 8-1 in games in which Marshall shot at least 50 percent from the field! Buchanan and Sealer will have to deal with inconsistency or they could lose their backup roles to good-looking frosh newcomers 6-1 Darren Brown from Detroit and Omaha product 6-2 Milton Shobe.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Dave Hoppen, literally and figuratively, stands head and shoulders above this Cornhusker team, but Nebraska is far from a one-man hardwood show. Although there's some questions about who'll get the opening call on the frontline alongside Hoppen, there appears to be more than enough talent in the holdover crew and JC imports to get the job done. Toss in a rock solid backcourt that can score and dish off with the best of 'em and it's easy to see why Moe Iba's drooling to get the '85-'86 Big Eight cage season

under way. The Huskers are hungry and when they get turned loose, anything could Hoppen!

# Missouri (18-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Norm Stewart's been calling the shots as the Tigers' head keeper for 18 seasons, and campaign number 19 will find him in charge of his youngest team ever. Nevertheless, Mizzou forecasts as a club to be reckoned with in the Big Eight, since a talented collection of holdovers has been bolstered by

another strong class of recruits.

Stewart does, however, face a major problem, that being replacing the inside rebounding skills of departed frontliners Greg Cavener and Malcolm Thomas, both NBA draftees. Thomas and Cavener combined for 15 reebs a game, with Thomas also being Mizzou's leading scorer (17.4) and top defender. Cavener specialized in offensive board-banging and also paced the club in assists and steals the last two seasons. That means the headliner in the paint will be 6-7 soph Derrick Chievous (13.1/5.3), who earned Freshman All-America honors a winter ago. Senior 6-9 Dan Bingenheimer (7.4/4.5) also has starting experience while a pair of 6-8 sophs, Kurt Brockman and Mike Potthoff, continue to show improvement and should see more game time. Coming aboard via the recruiting harvest are 6-8 swingman Mike Sandbothe, a strong passer and shooter; 7-0 pivot Gary Leonard, Mizzou's first true center since Steve Stipanovich; 6-8 Bradd Sutton and 6-8 swing performer Greg Church.

Senior 6-1 Jeff Strong is the smallest player on the roster, but he'll be big in the scoring department after pumping in 16.8 markers a game a year ago. The lefthander also registered 79 assists last winter. Playing the point again will be 6-2 soph Lynn Hardy (3.1), who'll take over the ballhandling responsibilities to leave Strong more time to put it up. Veteran savvy returns with 6-1 senior Bill Roundtree (2.3) and 6-5 senior Steve Musser (1.3), while recruit 6-3 Robyn Davis shot better than 57 percent from the field his final year as a schoolboy.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: You can't minimize the losses Norm Stewart's Tigers suffered via graduation, but neither can you fail to recognize the talent that returns for '85-'86. With Chievous doing you harm up front and Strong banging 'em home from downtown, Missouri is sure to put some points on the board. And with another outstanding recruiting class, the Tigers look to be a first division Big Eight club again this winter.

# Colorado (11-17)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

After three seasons of continued improvement, the Buffs took it on the chin a year ago. This season, it'll be up to a contingent of eight sophs and freshmen to pull Colorado back on-

to the winning trail.

Coach Tom Apke has a handful of solid veterans around which to mold his young performers, the most solid of those being 6-9 senior center Randy Downs, who enters this campaign as the Buffs' seventh all-time leading scorer. He paced the club in that department a year ago, averaging 16.4 per outing. Also Colorado's best career field goal shooter (54.8 percent), he snared six rebounds a game. Colorado lost forward Alex Stivrins to the NBA Supersonics, but rugged 6-9 senior Don Yowell (3.0/2.8) is back in uniform. He sat out the first half of the season a year ago to get his marks up to snuff. Bidding to fill Stivrin's frontline slot is 6-9 soph Torin Williams (5.0/3.2), who showed great hands a year ago with just 18 turnovers in nearly 500 minutes of game time. Adding bulk at any of the upfront slots is 6-9 soph Scott Wilke (2.2/1.8), who had an excellent second half last winter. Newcomers looking for time to earn their monograms are lowa all-stater 6-10 Matt Bullard and 6-5 Brian Robinson, an outstanding leaper.

The Buffs should get some scoring punch out of the backcourt, where 6-1 senior Mike Reid (9.1) returns at the point and 6-4 soph Michael Lee looks ready to win a first string job. Reid had 156 feeds a year ago, while Lee averaged 7.7 ppg as the first man off the bench. Junior 6-3 Darren Dunlap (2.0) will most likely work in relief, where he'll be challenged for game

time by frosh newcomers 6-2 Ken Countryman, 6-4 David Kuosman and 6-0 Jeff Penix. All three netted more than 20 points a game in high school, with Kuosman being an honorable mention All-American and Phenix a two-time all-

state pick in Nevada.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Tom Apke is excited about the potential of his Buffs, for whom the formula for success reads like this: Let the veterans carry the ball early until the youngsters grow up in the world of College Basketball. There's a great deal of potential on this club, and Colorado's got a good shot at getting back to at least .500 ball this winter.

## Kansas St (14-14)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Average

When the K-State fieldhouse opens for this year's cage confrontations, the first man in line to buy a program will be Wildcats' skipper Jack Hartman. The 16-man roster includes eight first-year players, a couple of redshirts and just six

familir faces from last year's break-even club.

In fact, the lone returnee to the starting lineup will be 6-8 senior forward Ben Mitchell (8.7/4.3), with such stalwarts as pivot Eddie Elder (13.0/7.1) and guard Tom Alfaro (13.7) having picked up their sheepskins. Soph 6-9 pivot Ron Meyer (3.9/2.3) will be a key man for the K-Staters this year, having started 13 contests a season ago. The other contenders for up front berths include 6-8 senior Derrick Howse (2.1/1.8), 6-6 senior Kevin Muff (1.2/1.9), 6-8 frosh Norris Coleman and transfers 6-7 Percy Eddie and 6-8 soph Anthony Smith. Coleman, who joins K-State from the U.S. Army where he served four years, is according to Hartman "one of the finest prospects I've ever signed."

The backcourt is equally barren of veteran performers, the lone holdovers with letter-winning experience being seniors 6-4 Brad Underwood (2.3) and 6-3 Joe Wright (8.8). Two redshirts—6-5 frosh Mark Dobbins and 6-1 junior Tim Leahy—will be competing for playing time with incoming freshmen 6-5 Chris Morris and 6-3 Ty Walker. Morris, a shooter from Houston, will help solidify the situation at big guard, while Walker is a Kansas boy who earned all-state honors and averaged beter than 24 points and 11 reebs a game his senior season in high school.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Even given the fact that Jack Hartman's been through this kind of thing for 15 previous seasons, it ain't no fun having to start almost from scratch. But then again, that's what this marvelous game of College Basketball is all about—recruit 'em, train 'em, graduate 'em and start all over again. Younger than springtime will be this year's K-Staters, and if they're able to match last season's break-even mark, the upper echelon at KSU should give Hart-

man a helluva raise in pay!

# Oklahoma St (12-16)

Starters Returning—0 Schedule—Above Avg.

We would definitely not want to be in the shoes of seventh year head coach Paul Hansen. Last year's edition of Oklahoma State basketball finished just 12-16 overall. In the conference, the Cowboys were ambushed to the tune of a 3-11 record, by far the worst of any Big Eight team. Does that sound discouraging? Well, try this on for size. Gone from last year's team are all five starters, including NBA draft choice Joe Atkinson. Also gone are two of the team's top reserves of a year ago. Graduation has just ripped this team apart as only five players with varsity experience are back on board. Fortunately for Cowboy fans, Coach Hansen was busy during the off-season bringing in a trio of freshmen to go along with four JUCO transfers he convinced to attend Oklahoma State. Many of these newcomers are expected to see extensive duty this season.

Expected to start at one guard spot is 6-3 senior Mitch Jones (5.9), one of the Cowboys most dependable reserves over the past two seasons. Taking over at the off guard spot will probably be 6-5 senior Terry Faggins (4.3), a solid player who like Jones provided good depth in the backcourt a year ago. Four newcomers are expected to provide depth and possibly even push Jones and Faggins for starting duty. The best of this

foursome is 6-0 JUCO transfer Nolan Richardson, who may start at point guard this season. Also in the hunt for playing time are 5-11 JUCO newcomer Roshon Patton, 6-2 incoming frosh Dana Gray and 6-5 sharpshooter Steve Kennedy.

The probable starter at small forward is 6-4 senior Ray Alford (5.8), a regular for part of last season. Lining up opposite Alford will probably be 6-7 sophomore redshirt Jason Manual, although he'll receive a staff challenge from the JUCO transfer duo of 6-4 Andre Ivy and 6-6 Muhammad Akbar. With the exception of Alford, there's not one proven forward on the roster.

Finding a center might be a real dilemma for Coach Hansen, expecially considering that the Cowboys return no player over 6-5 from last year's squad! Battling for starting honors in the pivot is 6-9 redshirt frosh Eric Young and 7-3 "true" freshman Alan Bannister, the latter coming to Oklahoma State from England. Bannister may be a year or two away from really help-

ing the team.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: What a mess! Over the past few years, Coach Hansen missed some recruiting cycles that he's now starting to pay for. This will be virtually a new team that takes the court for Oklahoma State, and that in Itself usually spells trouble, especially in the rugged Big Eight. We look for the OSU cagers to suffer through their third consecutive losing season, as they're not likely to be very competitive in the conference.

# The Valley

# Bradley (17-13)

Starters Returning-4

Schedule-Above Avg.

In the seven seasons Dick Versace has been calling the shots at Bradley, his most successful teams have been squads that have ambushed the opposition when the talent to do so seemed lacking. That was the case a year ago, but Bradley won't be taking anyone by surprise this winter!

The Braves lost their top scorer to graduation and the NBA in Voise Winters, but four returning starters along with a total of 10 lettermen should make Versace's clubs one of the early favorites to rule the MVC. Leading the parade of returnees is the backcourt duo of 5-11 senior Jim Les and 6-3 soph Hersey Hawkins, one of the nation's better backline combos. Les, who averaged 9.5 points and 8.8 assists per game last year, became only the second Brave to register 100 points, 100 rebounds and 100 assists in a single season. Hawkins, whose stats show 14.6 ppg, 6.1 reebs and a shooting percentage of 58.1, was the Valley's "newcomer of the year." Working in relief will be swingmen 6-8 junior Bruce Mordini (1.5/1.3) and 6-7 soph Trevor Trimpe, 6-3 soph Len Bertolini and freshman newcomer 5-11 Anthony Manuel from Chicago, who chose Bradley over Georgetown.

Anchoring the frontcourt again will be 6-8, 255-pound senior center Mike Williams (11.8/6.4), who'll be joined by soph forwards 6-6 Jerry Thomas (3.4/1.9), 6-8 Donald Powell (3.8/1.9) or 6-5 Greg Jones (1.7/0.7). Junior 6-9 Keith Berry joins the Braves following his transfer from Tennessee State, along with freshman recruit 6-6 Paul Wilson, a shooting forward who earned All-State honors in Ohio as he averaged 25.7 points and 11

boards his final scholastic campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Dick Versace labels this edition of Bradley Braves as "very special," consisting of "good and talented kids." Versace certainly has his club pointed in the right direction, having participated in the NIT a year ago after a short two-year drought of post-season activity. Bradley will be a potent force in the MVC this season, particularly in view of the fact four starters return to the Braves in a league that finds virtually every club having lost at least two of its top players to graduation or the NBA draft. Special indeed will be this year's Bradley club, and the folks in Peoria will be singing their praises right from the opening whistle.

# Tulsa (23-8)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Above Avg.

The Golden Hurricane swirled through the MVC last winter to claim its first outright title, but new Coach J.D. Barnett will have an uphill fight as graduation was an ill wind that blew

Tulsa no good.

Barnett succeeds Nolan Richardson, who's moved on to Arkansas, with J.D.'s first task being the search for a successor to graduated All-American guard Steve Harris, who averaged 23.6 ppg and left Tulsa as the school's all-time best point producer. The top returnees in the backcourt are 6-5 soph Tracy Moore (5.9), 6-3 junior Byron Boudreaux (4.6/85 assists) and 6-2 senior Herb Suggs (2.1), along with swingmen 6-5 Carlton McKinney (5.8/1.7) and 6-5 soph Daryl Deckard (1.2/0.7).

Harris isn't the only talent no longer in Hurricane uniform, as the under-the-bucket losses include Herbert Johnson and Vince Williams. Johnson departs as the school's second leading rebounder and fourth best career scorer, while Williams played in 100 consecutive games for Tulsa. The holdovers with the best credentials are 6-9 junior pivot Anthony Fobbs (5.7/3.7) and 6-7 junior forward David Moss (6.2/3.1). The rest of the cast of hopefuls includes the Rahilly brothers, 6-11 Brian (2.9/1.8) and 6-9 Jeff (0.9/0.9), both of whom can play the post or at forward; 6-9 soph Clifford Langford (1.3/1.3) and little-used 7-0 soph David Otto.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: J.D. Barnett comes to the Tulsa program after leading Virginia Commonwealth to the most wins in school history (26) plus Sun Belt regular season and tournament titles last year. He's a man who knows how to win, and he'll be leading a program that has a winning tradition. This season, however, you've got to believe Barnett's task will be very difficult, for Tulsa really was rocked by graduation

be very difficult, for Tulsa really was rocked by graduation both up front and in the backcourt. The loss of Harris, Johnson and Williams took away 57 percent of TU's scoring output, as well as tons of leadership. 1985-86 could be quite an uphill struggle in the MVC for J.D. Barnett and his Golden Hurricane.

# Indiana St (14-15)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

There'll not only be a new man in the cat bird seat at ISU, there'll be a new philosophy on the court as well. The run-and-gun days of 80 to 90 points a game have apparently ended, to be replaced by the defense-oriented gameplan of new

Sycamore skipper Ron Greene.

Greene, a native of Terre Haute, will find the Sycamore cupboard well stocked with talent in his first MVC season. Heading the ISU cast for the fourth straight year will be All-MVC choice 6-5 senior swingman John Sherman Williams, whose 22.8 ppg average led all Sycamore scorers a year ago. He also corralled nearly five caroms per contest, and midway through this year will surpass the 2,000 points scored mark. Back at the point will be 6-2 junior Bryan Kegerreis (3.2), who'll pick up the playmaking responsibilities left by graduated Rick Fields. Soph 6-6 Chuck Cantrell (1.5) will battle sharpshooting 6-2 freshman Jeff Cooper for backup duties. Cooper, an Indiana all-stater, can play either at the point or off guard slot. Also available will be recruits 5-10 Antonio Gillespie and 6-5 Chris Harris.

Under the bucket, 6-9 center Ralph Winters (9.4/4.9) is back for his senior campaign, with 6-4 senior Jeff McComb (5.9/5.1) again alongside him. McComb consistently outbattles men a half foot taller than himself to be one of ISU's most productive carom collectors. Soph 6-8 Larry Bush, who sat out last season after transfering from Memphis State, has the best shot at filling the other up front berth. His competition will come from 6-8 soph Lee Moore, who turned the fans on with his shot-blocking ability last season, plus 6-6 newcomer Darrion Applewhite, a

Tennessee all-state pick from Memphis.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Does the Ron Greene System work? Would five different coach of the year honors, an NCAA and three NIT appearances convince you that it does? The folks in Terre Haute think so, too, for excitement is building like a groundswell as the cage season awaits the tipoff. With a fine collection of holdovers, some key newcomers and a new coach who doesn't know the meaning of the word "losing," the

skein of five straight years below .500 look to be over for sure at ISU. Watch for the Sycamores to challenge for a spot in the MVC's upper division!

# Wichita St (18-13)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

In tipping off the '85-'86 campaign, Wichita State will be a club looking for its identity. Oh, they'll still be the Shockers, but for the first time in four years, Coach Gene Smithson's squad will be without consensus All-American Xavier

McDaniel and sharpshooter Aubrey Sherrod.

Smithson is hoping that a strong crop of recruits will help cover the loss of McDaniel and Sherrod, who departed along with 60 percent of last year's Shocker scoring and 40 percent of the rebounding. Although McDaniel can't be replaced up front, Wichita State does welcome back 6-7 junior Gus Santos, who was averaging 10 ppg and nearly six rebounds when he suffered a fractured vertebrae midway through last season. The other forward spot rates as a tossup between 6-2 soph Cedric Coleman (3.8/3.4) and 6-9 soph Curtis Bailey (1.0/0.9), but don't count out some classy looking newcomers. For starters, there's 6-10 Ted Williams or 6-6 twins Dwight and Dwayne Praylow, two dynamos from the Columbia, S.C. high school that also produced McDaniel, Coleman and DePaul's Tyrone Corbin. In the pivot, incumbent 6-9 junior Henry Carr (8.0/5.2) faces a challenge from 7-0 JC transfer John Askew, who is coming off knee surgery. Junior 6-10 Tom Kosich could also get some playing time in the paint.

The Shockers look deep In the backcourt, where two talented newcomers will battle with four letter-winning returnees for game time. At the point, 5-11 junior Mike Arline (4.5/96 assists) shared time with 6-1 soph Clint Normore (1.5/50 feeds) a year ago. Swingman Coleman is also available, along with 6-2 junior Gary Cundiff, who redshirted last season due to a foot injury. The new faces belong to 6-8 frosh Steve Grayer and San Jacinto transfer 6-5 Lew Hill. Grayer, touted as Wichita State's next All-American, is described as a George Gervin-Magic Johnson type of shooting guard. Hill is also said to be a fine outside shooter who can play the point if need be.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: You just don't replace players the caliber of McDaniel and Sherrod without some blood, sweat and tears, but this year's Shockers should give a decent account of themselves despite those heavy losses. Gene Smithson has some keen competition for starting jobs up front that'll keep his cagers sharp, along with some steady veterans and exciting newcomers filling out the backcourt. A tough schedule won't make it easy, but we expect the Shockers to stay on the bright side of .500 in '85'86.

# West Texas St (11-17)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average

They don't exactly have a great tradition of winning basketball at West Texas State University. The man trying to reverse that trend is second-year head coach Gary Moss. Moss has apparently chosen to take the Jerry Tarkanian approach to recruiting, meaning that he'll rely heavily each season on JUCO transfers. Last year, Moss signed 10 JUCOS and many of them contributed in a big way. This year, the figure is down to a mere eight, but they join four returing starters to form a very solid nucleus for the Buffs this season.

Moss must replaced graduated pivotman Bryan Kirkland (7.8), a steady performer who will be sorely-missed. Favored to take over in the middle is 6-9 JUCO transfer Don White out of Conyons Junior College in California. Last year's back-up, Glen Jamison (5.1), will not be returning to West Texas State, so depth may be a problem at center. Fortunately Coach Moss has signed several forwards who will help out up front, perhaps even at center if necessary. Two of them are 6-8 Ray

Crockett, 6-7 Arthur Latus and 6-7 Greg Merritt.

Returning to start at power forward is 6-7 sophomore Orlando Graham (11.4/6.4), who was one of the best freshmen in the MVC a year ago. Graham led the team in both scoring and rebounding a year ago, and he's expected to be vastly improved this season. Graham is joined at forward by 6-6 senior William Childs (10.5), an erratic player who Coach Moss would like to



see shoot the ball more consistently. Childs shot just 42.7 percent from the field a year ago. The Buffs return an experienced reserve in 6-7 senior Fred Johnson (4.3), who's considered to be a good outside shooter, but didn't show it last year, hitting just 43 percent from the floor. Others returning with varsity experience include 6-5 junior Willie Davis and 6-7 senior Marcus Harris. Coming aboard from the JUCO ranks are 6-6 David Woods and highly-touted 6-5 small forward Mark Benoit out of Odessa Junior College.

The Buffs have a solid backcourt tandem in the senior duo of 6-3 Eric Carmon (8.9) and 5-11 point man Earl Davis (9.1). Davis led the squad in both assists (142) and steals (62) a year ago. Top backcourt reserve Tommy Johnson (9.6) has left school due to some problems with Coach Moss, so depth will be a little thin at guard. Coming in from the JC ranks to help out is 6-4 Kevin Washington and 5-11 Jerry Singletary.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's hard to think of an 11-17 record as successful, but West Texas State was expected to do even worse than that a year ago. New head coach Moss has finally put together a competitive team, which ended MVC play last season by knocking off perennial power Tulsa. The Buffs are still a year or two away from contention, but they should pose quite a problem to conference foes this season. Moving up a few places in the conference is not totally out of the question, nor is a winning record, which would be their first in many years.

# Illinois St (22-7)

Starters Returning-1 Schedule-Above Avg.

There's few schools, big or small, that can match Illinois State's record of success in the recent past, last year's 22-7 record being the third straight season in which the Redbirds have posted 22 or more victories. But graduation dealt a cruel blow to Bob Donewald's crew, meaning a supreme effort will be needed to keep that glorious string going this winter.

Sheepskin fever claimed the club's top scorer and rebounder (Lous Stefanovic), the player who started more games than any other in ISU history and the club's best defensive performer (Rickie Johnson), the co-MVP for '85 (Michael McKenny) and the best free throw shooter in school annals (Brad Duncan).

Donewald will rebuild his frontcourt around incumbent regular 6-7 soph forward Tony Holifield (4.1/2.1), 7-0, 250-pound junior center Bill Braksick (7.4/4.4) and steady 6-6 junior Derrick Sanders (5.0/2.6). There's also an outstanding crop of frosh recruits to choose from — 6-10 Jay Teagle, 6-8 Kevin DeCrane, 6-7 Sonny Roberts, 6-6 Tom Smith and 6-8 Jon Pemberton. Pemberton is an excellent all-around athlete, while Roberts has superior quickness for a big man and earned all-state honors in Chicago.

Newcomers will probably also dominate the picture at guard, with 6-1 Mark Kraatz and 6-2 Todd Starks having signed on as new Redbirds. Kraatz netted 20 points a game his final scholastic season, while Starks chose ISU over Penn State. They'll join holdover lettermen 5-11 senior William Anderson (1.8), 6-4 soph Jeff Harris and 6-5 soph swingman Matt Taphorn as contenders for regular backline duties.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: "Rebuilding" is the word most frequently used in discussing the Redbirds' future, with just one senior on the club's 14-man roster. Bob Donewald's always been able to get the absolute most out of his athletes, but we've got to believe matching Illinois State's super win streak of the last three winters this time around will be more than the young 'birds can handle.

# Creighton (20-12)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Remember that old comedy skit where the guy opens a present and a boxing glove springs out and punches him in the nose? Well, "that guy" could be Tony Barone. The new Bluejay boss was "presented" with the Creighton head coaching job at the beginning of the summer, the "punch in the nose" being the loss of three starters, including two taken high in the NBA draft.

Barone's first priority will be rebuilding his frontline, where

standout pivot Benoit Benjamin (21.5/14.1) has gone on to play for pay and Landreth Baugh has graduated. The only holdover under the bucket is 6-3 senior Reggie Morris (9.2/1.8), who was moved from guard to small forward last season. New coach Barone will choose his '85-'86 starters from a roster that also includes 6-10 junior Dwight Johnson, who served as Benjamin's backup the last two seasons; 6-8 soph Ed Johansen (1.2/1.4), 6-8 soph Bill Wirskye (1.7/1.5), who battled injury and illness all last season; and 6-4 senior swingman Wyville Wood (1.7/1.1).

As much as the 'jays will miss Benjamin up front, they might miss backliner Vernon Moore even more. Also an NBA draftee, Moore averaged 21.0 ppg a year ago while contributing a teambest 159 assists. Junior 6-4 Gary Swain will be looking for a starting job after netting 8.2 markers a game with a total of 102 assists last season, while 5-10 junior Renard Edwards (2.1) served as Moore's understudy last winter. The only frosh on the roster is 6-5 Jamie Whetstone, who bucketed better than 25 points a game his final scholastic season in Indiana.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Tony Barone was an academic All-American during his college playing days at Duke, but you don't need that kind of smarts to figure out it's going to be a tough season for the Bluejays. Barone has proven himself an excellent coach during stints as a high school mentor and as an assistant at Bradley, and he'll have Creighton winning basketball games again for sure—but not too many this season, we're afraid!

# Drake (12-15)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average

One thing about a Bulldog: If you get him in a corner, you're gonna get bit! After suffering through a 12-15 season a year ago, the 'dogs of Drake Coach Gary Garner are ready to put the

bite on more than a few opponents this time out.

The Bulldog with the biggest teeth is All-MVC choice 6-7 senior Melvin Mathis, who pumped in 16.5 ppg a year ago while snaring 8.1 rebounds an outing. Senior 6-2 Demetrius Henderson (12.7/3.4) will rejoin Mathis on the frontline, while the leading new face belongs to 6-10 freshman newcomer Bart Friedrick, a South Dakotan who led his team to the state tourney for three years with two straight championships. Returning lettermen in the paint include 6-7 junior Damon Jones (2.9/2.2) and 6-4 junior David Lubbers, with transfers 6-6 junior Dave Dahlke and 6-5 Michael Morgan plus recruits 6-8 Dave Schmidt and 6-7 Bob Sundell ready to make a bid for game time. Dahlke comes to Drake from Minnesota, while Morgan was a standout at Jacinto JC.

The main 'dog on the backline is 6-0 soph Glenn Martin, who netted just over six points a game a year ago as he started 25 times. Other experienced returnees are 6-0 junior Doug Nauman (2.5) and 6-2 soph David Zingg (2.8), who'll have to deal with newcomers 6-4 Walter James, 6-2 Doug Lampe and 6-4 David Miller. James comes to Drake from Allen County (Kansas) JC, while Lampe played at North Iowa CC. Miller transfer-

red in from Wisconsin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Armed with experienced returnees and bolstered by some attractive newcomers, the Bulldogs are out to get their piece of flesh in '85.'86. The muscular Mathis will be difficult to control under the boards, while the rest of the squad looks like a bunch that will continue to improve as the season progresses. A streak of seven straight home games should get Drake's season off on the right foot, and we don't expect this club to finish on the dark and gloomy side of .500 this winter!

# Southern Illinois (14-14)

Starters Returning-0 Schedule-Above Avg.

The only guy busier than Rich Herrin around Carbondale this winter will be the program seller at SIU Arena, where the presence of seven new faces will give new meaning to the old "You can't tell the players without a scorecard!"

Herrin takes over the troubled Saluki program after a sensational 29-year career in the high school ranks, and he'll literally be starting from scratch in his rookie campaign as a collegiate mentor. The Salukies lost eight lettermen, four of whom averaged in double figures a year ago.

The lone "vet" up front is 6-5 senior Dan Weiss (1.8/0.4), but he played just eight minutes a game last season. Swingman 6-5 junior Doug Novsek (2.1/0.5) got even less on-court time, which means newcomers like freshmen 6-5 Randy House, 6-8 Todd Krueger and 6-8 Grant Martin plus JUCO transfers 6-7 Ken Dusharm and 6-6 Keith Kiner should have an open slot at winning regular jobs. House comes from Herrin's former high school in Benton, while Krueger is a good scorer but needs to add some pounds to compete off the boards. Martin comes to SIU after three years in military service.

The story's pretty much the same along the backline, where 6-2 soph Steven Middleton (1.9) and 6-3 junior Brian Welch (0.9) are the lone returning lettermen, neither of whom had much game time last winter. The roster of newcomers includes the 6-4 Matta brothers, Thad and Greg, both good shooters who

should get more than their share of on-court action. Freshman Thad scored at a 24 ppg clip to lead his Hoppeston, Ill., high school to third place in the state Class A championships, while Matta comes to SIU from Alabama-Birmingham, where he was a little used scholarship player. He'll become eligible in December.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's only one certainty about the Saluki court outlook for this winter, and that's that there'll be plenty of fans in the seats to cheer them on. Season ticket sales are up better than 10 percent since the popular Herrin signed on as SIU headman. As for the season's forecast, there's more unanswered questions here than in "Trivial Pursuit," so GAMEPLAN expects this club to finish on the down side of .500

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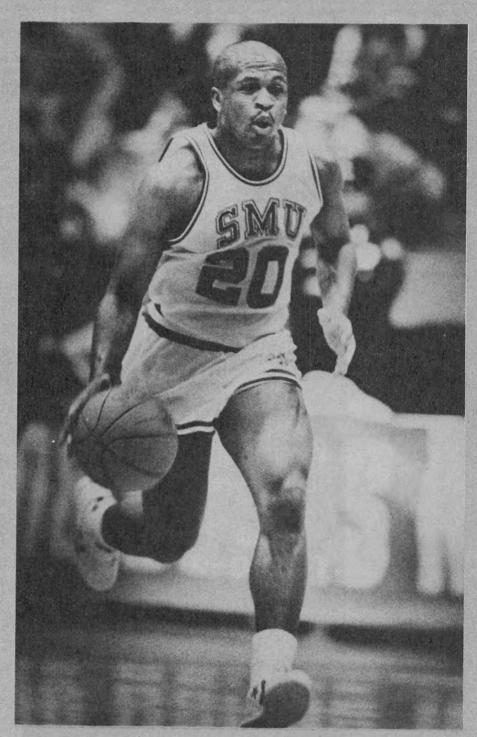
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Point guard Butch Moore will try to prevent SMU from sliding down the SWC ladder this season.

# Southwest Conf.

## Texas A&M (19-11)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Above Avg.

Season number 23 for Aggie Coach Shelby Metcalf looks to be a lot like so many others — maybe even a bit better — maybe even a lot better, in fact! Metcalf, who's won more SWC games than any basketball coach in the history of the game, is all smiles with the return of all five starters from last year's NIT entry.

Metcalf expects the bulk of this season's scoring to come from the backcourt, as it did a year ago when 6-3 senior Don Marbury pumped in 16.0 markers a contest and 6-0 junior Todd Holloway added 10.2. Holloway also contributed 118 assists, while Marbury was no slouch in the feeds department as he posted 92. Marbury's efforts earned him recognition as SWC "newcomer of the year." Providing solid relief work off the pines will be 6-1 senior Gary Lewis (1.7), with 6-5 junior transfer Steve Vandiver also capable of putting the ball in the hoop.

There's no lack of scoring punch under the hoop, either, where 6-7 Winston Crite returns for his junior campaign. One of the strongest forwards in the SWC, Crite's a skywalker who slammed home 12.1 points a game last winter while snaring 8.2 rebounds a game. Working out of the other forward berth will be 6-6 senior Al Pulliam (4.6/3.3) and 6-6 soph Fred Burton (3.3/1.7), while three-year letterman 6-9 senior Jimmie Gilbert is back in his slot in the pivot. Gilbert's strength is on defense, but he'll likely up his scoring average which totalled 5.6 points a game a year ago. He also cleared the boards at a 5.3-pergame rate. There's plenty of experience to give the starters a breather, with 6-6 Mike Clifford (2.3/3.2), 6-10 David Thompson and 6-5 Paul Crawford available. Also suiting up will be prize recruit 6-8 Tadd Thomas, who paced his San Antonio high school in scoring (22.6) and rebounding (11.8) his senior season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Watch out for the Aggies! Shelby Metcalf's got his club primed to make a run at the big boys of the Southwest Conference this winter — and he's got the horses to do it! Experienced, quick and capable, all this club needs is a bit more offensive output from its under-the-bucket crew to make life really miserable for the rest of the conference in '85-'86!

# Arkansas (22-13)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Most of the Razorback faces will be familiar, but the style

will be another story as Arkansas' first basketball coaching change in a dozen years should mean a turnaround in philosophy on the hardwood.

Front and center comes Nolan Richardson, new cage boss at Arkansas, brought aboard by AD Frank Broyles to succeed the very successful Eddie Sutton. Richardson stresses defense, but preaches an up-tempo style that should cause Razorback scoring to soar dramatically in the years ahead.

Richardson's first priority will be replacing last year's big men under the hoop, the graduated Joe Kleine (22.1/8.4) and Charles Balentine (12.7/5.6). The search for successors to that standout pair will start with soph center prospects 7-2 Mike Carpenter, who redshirted a year ago, and 6-11 Andrew Lang (2.6/2.0), who could blossom into something special for the Hogs. Contenders for the forward berths include holdover starter 6-7 junior William Mills (9.4/3.5), who had 143 assists a year ago while operating as a swing man; 6-9 soph Stephan Moore (1.3/0.9), 6-9 soph Darryl Scott and 6-7 junior Eric Poerschke (1.7/0.7), along with 6-9 junior Jay Crane.

The leaders on the backline will be the super quick Kenny Hutchinson, a 6-3 soph, and 5-10 senior guard Scott Rose. Hutchinson averaged a little better than three points a game a year ago while registering 79 assists. Rose, the squad's only senior, saw just six minutes per game of action last winter.

Also in the hunt for starting jobs are 6-2 soph Allie Freeman (4.5/92 assists), 6-5 soph Byron Irvin (4.5) and 6-4 junior Mike Ratliff

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: With a new coach and a multitude of young performers, leadership may be the biggest of several question marks as Nolan Richardson launches his career as Razorback head man. The Hogs are talented, to be sure, but we've got to believe the loss of superstars Kleine and Balentine will be next to impossible to overcome in time to repeat last year's excellent season that carried Arkansas to the NCAAs. Razorback rooters are gonna be happy about the new Richardson style of play, but it'll be a year or so before the Hogs match last season's victory total.

## Houston (16-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Houston coach Guy Lewis must feel like the "man who came to dinner" and didn't get anything to eat! The empty feeling he's experiencing is the result of losing Tito Horford after the 7-1 "franchise" decided he didn't want to jam it in the hoop for the Cougars. Instead, at this writing, Horford, the number one center in the high school ranks last year, is attempting to get the NCAA's blessing with regard to his apparent decision

to play his college basketball for the Tigers of LSU.

As for Houston's prospects in the SWC sweepstakes this year, they're not all that bad since Coach Lewis welcomes back three starters, and most of the other league members have seen their pantries ravaged by graduation. The three incumbent Cougar regulars are 6-2 senior guard Alvin Franklin (16.9 ppg, 141 assists), 6-8 junior forward Ricky Winslow (14.2 ppg/8.8 rpg) and 6-9 junior center Greg Anderson (15.4 ppg/8.1 rpg). If Horford had come to town, he figured to start at center with Anderson filling the vacant forward slot, and that would've given Houston a dynamite front line. But it wasn't to be, so Anderson will stay at center with super 6-9 frosh recruit Perry Russell getting first crack at starting opposite Winslow.

Teaming with Franklin in the backcourt will be the winner of a four-man battle for starting honors between 6-4 junior Jamie Weaver (3.4), 6-2 senior Renaldo Thomas (2.3), 6-1 JUCO transfer Ricky Jackson and slick frosh recruit Garry McGee. It says here that either Jackson or McGee will eventually join Franklin in the regular rotation. Other newcomers looking for court time are 6-4 guard Steve Carter, 6-7 guard Steve Smith and 6-5 swingman Ramon Rivera, who some experts claim is the real sleeper of Houston's recruiting harvest.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: In the SWC, GAMEPLAN sees Texas A&M as the team to beat and Baylor as the most improved. But Houston will also be heard from, as the Coogs figure to parlay the likes of Franklin, Winslow and Anderson with several outstanding newcomers to produce a winning ticket for Coach Lewis. Look for this club to challenge for conference honors enroute to obtaining a bid for a little post-season action.

# Baylor (11-17)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Basketball's been a bummer of late for Baylor, which can show bear-ly nine conference wins over the past three seasons. Conversely, new bossman Gene lba knows all about winning, having taken up residence in Waco following three

straight 20-win campaigns at Houston Baptist.

Merging Iba's coaching talent with his inherited stable of four starters and 10 returning lettermen, then, holds the key to the Bear's '85-'86 hardwood future. The new mentor shouldn't have much to worry about on the backline, where 6-1 senior Carlos Briggs and 6-2 soph Michael Williams are the holdover incumbents. Briggs was the SWC's "newcomer of the year" last campaign as he led the Bears with a 20.4 ppg average. His 59 steals were second only to Williams who had 60 and

pumped in 14.6 markers an outing to earn SWC "frosh of the year" kudos. Nicknamed "Mr. Quick," he helped turn the club around late in the season when he took over as the starter at the point. The guard contingent also includes solid reserves 6-2 soph Eric Johnson (8.3) and 6-3 junior Dave Reichert (3.6).

Earning a rep as Baylor's most reliable performer, 6-5 Edwin Mitchell returns for his senior year on the wing. Mitchell netted 8.6 points a game while leading the club in rebounding (5.4 a contest) and assists (53). At forward, 6-4 soph Robert McLemore (5.3/4.3) came on strong, hitting better than 53 percent of his field goal tries in conference play. Coach lba has to plug the middle slot vacated by the graduation of Paul Kuiper, but he'll fill out his front line from the likes of veterans 6-8 soph Darryl Middleton (6.3/3.9), the team leader in blocked shots with 16, and 6-8 Frank Williams (4.9/4.3) plus '84 lettermen 6-7 junior Jody Reeves and 6-7 junior Sean Jones. Iba's first harvest of recruits includes 6-10 pivot Jack Smith, an all-stater from Denver; 6-7 Alex Glasco, who earned similar honors in Louisiana; and Mississippi Delta JC transfer 6-7 Brandon Taylor, who averaged 23 points, 14 reebs and eight snuffs a game his final junior college campaign.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: A member of the legendary coaching family that includes father Clarence, cousin Moe and uncle Hank, Gene Iba has more than bloodlines to show he knows what this hardwood game is all about. His outstanding record at Houston Baptist should tell Baylor fans that things are gonna be a bit different with the Bears. With a fine nucleus of veteran holdovers, GAMEPLAN expects the Bears to make a much more respectable showing in SWC play this time around.

## SMU (23-10)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

When Dave Bliss took over as Mustang mastermind several seasons back, he inherited a 7-20 club. Bliss turned SMU into an NCAA entrant the past two years, but even this optimistic young mentor has to admit graduation appears to have gelded his Ponies.

Sheepskin fever cost SMU All-American pivotman Jon Koncak, forward Larry Davis and guard Carl Wright, the top three scorers who contributed better than 46 points a game and hauled in over 700 rebounds for the season. That means much of the leadership role will fall on the shoulders of three-year letterman 5-10 senior Butch Moore, SMU's starting point guard for the past two years. Moore was a second team Small All-American after scoring at an 8.9 clip with a super 247 assists a year ago. He was also an All-SWC selection. Rejoining Moore in the backcourt will be 6-4 junior Scott Johnson (5.4/82 assists), super quick 6-1 junior Johnny Fuller (2.1) and frosh 5-11 Kato Armstrong, an all-stater from Dallas.

Senior 6-6 Kevin Lewis (5.5/3.2), last year's ace sixth man, should move into a regular's spot in the front line. He's likely to be joined by 6-9 junior Terry Williams (5.0/4.0), who backed up Koncak at the post last winter. Soph 6-8 Terry Thomas averaged 7.7 points an outing in seven appearances a year ago, while 6-6 soph Alan Conzart, 6-9 soph Glenn Puddy and 6-7 soph Coyle Winborn are also in the picture after seeing limited action in '84-'85. The frosh harvest includes standouts 6-8 John Colborne and 6-6 Randy Jones, who earned "player of the year" honors in San Diego and Syracuse (NY) respectively, plus Texas all-staters 6-9 Reginald Muhammad and 6-8 Vernon Perdue.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: In just five years, Dave Bliss has made the Mustangs a hardwood force to be reckoned with in the SWC. SMU will be no pushover this winter, but graduation claimed the heart and soul of this club and you don't easily replace the likes of Koncak, Davis and Wright. A repeat of last year's outstanding effort will be super tough for the Mustangs to corral this time around.

# TCU (16-12)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

For a basketball team that boasted just 13 victories in three seasons prior to the arrival of Coach Jim Killingsworth, the Horned Frogs of TCU appear on the verge of really bustin' through in the SWC. Killingsworth's seventh season as Frog

mentor finds him with 10 returning lettermen and five topnotch recruits with which to make TCU's move up in the Southwest Conference.

The centerpiece of the TCU gameplan will be 6-5 junior forward Carven Holcombe, who earned second team all-league honors on the strength of a 16.5 ppg scoring average along with 5.8 boards a contest. Holcombe was one of only three Frogs who started every game a season ago (the others being departed guards Dennis Nutt and Tracy Mitchell), and his partners in the front line this season will come from a half dozen performers who were regulars last season at one time or another. In the pivot, 6-11 senior Greg Grissom (6.5/4.5) has a leg up on 6-9 senior Tony Papa (3.0/3.4) and 6-8 senior Marc Houston (4.2/2.9). At the other forward slot, veterans 6-7 soph Norman Anderson (4.9/3.5), 6-8 senior Tom Mortimer (2.8/2.9) and 6-6 junior Michael Washington (1.9/2.9) are the experienced performers available. The new faces in Fort Worth include JC transfer 6-7 Larry Richard and freshman Roger Presswood, a 6-11 shot-blocker from Georgia, plus Denton product 6-8 Byran Stinchcomb.

The key to the Frogs' season will be how the replacements for Nutt and Mitchell fare in the heat of combat. Nutt was a consensus All-SWC pick and the club's leading scorer, while Mitchell netted close to 10 ppg and was the ace feeds man. One of those looking for a regular spot will be 6-3 junior Jamie Dixon, who netted 5.2 ppg despite playing just 15 minutes a tilt. Soph 6-2 Randy Parker has worlds of potential, and he'll compete with JC import 6-3 Carl Lott and Texas all-state 6-3 frosh Rod Jacques for the other starting berth.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Jim Killingsworth will top the "1,000 games coached" mark during the upcoming season, and his experience and the talent on hand should push the Frogs beyond last year's 16-12 mark. TCU needs some help along the backline, but with graduation having roughed up most all of the top clubs in the SWC, don't be surprised if the Frogs are right up in it when tourney time nears.

# Texas Tech (23-8)

Starters Returning—0 Schedule—Above Avg.

Memories can warm one's inside on a cold winter night, but the realities of life say Red Raider Coach Gerald Myers won't be able to dwell on the past as the '85-'86 cage season tips off. For Texas Tech, the future is now, and that means replacing the five senior starters who last season led the Raiders to their first SWC title in a dozen years and the NCAAs.

The biggest burden will fall on the shoulders of the squad's only seniors — guard Tony Benford, swingman Tobin Doda and center Ray Irvin — as the Techmen face the upcoming campaign with an overall young team. Senior 6-3 Benford (6.1), the club's top returning scorer, also was second on last year's team in assists (116). The 6-6 Doda was a true role player for the Raiders, averaging 3.2 ppg and 2.0 caroms. Irvin, a 6-9 three-year letterman who started in both his frosh and soph campaigns, could be one of the SWC's top big men this time around. His stats showed a 4.2 ppg average and 2.5 rebounds a contest.

Contending for starting assignments will be the junior twosome of 6-11, 240-pound Kent Wojciechoski (1.4/1.3) and 6-2 guard Mike Nelson (1.3), both of whom did the job in reserve roles last winter. Sophs 6-5 Greg Crowe (1.6/1.0) and 6-6 Ed Robinson offer experience under the hoop, while redshirt 6-1 junior Wendel Owens also has a chance to play.

Last season's on-court success led to one of the finest crops of newcomers in Texas Tech history — forwards 6-7 Dwayne Chism and 6-8 Brian Barrier, 6-11 pivot Wesley Lowe, 7-0 postman Rodney Henderson, 6-8 forward Tracy White and guards 6-2 Sean Gay and 6-6 Scott Whillock. The best of the recruiting harvest appear to be Chism and Gay, both of whom could contribute right away. Chism is a transfer from Odessa JC where he led his club to national ranking, while Gay is a high-scoring all-stater from Houston who paced his high school team to a 40-0 record.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: We told you so last year and it came true. GAMEPLAN recognized the Red Raiders as the "sleeper" in the SWC and their 20-plus victory campaign was forecast right here in these pages. This year, however, the

Techsters lack scoring punch and have to be rated at least a year or two away from any chance of duplicating last year's outstanding season.

#### Texas (15-13)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

If indeed you have to walk before you run, then last year's Longhorns broke into a trot after a couple of seasons testing their legs. This year's batch appears poised and ready for a little sprinting under the direction of Coach Bob Weltlich.

There's little doubt the 'horns will miss the play of Mike Wacker and Carlton Cooper, but Weltlich is convinced this year's cage contingent will be better overall than its predecessor. Helping him form that opinion will be the holdover starting guard duo of 6-0 soph Alex Broadway and 6-3 senior Karl Willock. Willock (8.8) topped the club in assists a year ago with 95 feeds, while Broadway contributed 90 plus a 3.9 ppg norm. The pair combined for 80 steals. Lending a

veteran hand on the backline will be 6-4 junior Marcus Bolden (3.7) and 5-11 junior George Davis (2.5). Sophs 6-3 Kelvin Collins (1.0) and 6-2 Wayne Thomas (0.4) add further depth.

The lone returnee under the hoop is 6-10 senior John Brownlee, but he's a good one. Brownlee was second on the club in scoring (13.8) and rebounding (5.3), third in the SWC in field goal percentage (58.1) and was a team leader every game out. They're gonna take the challengers for the vacancies at forward and lock 'em in a room, the starters being the ones who survive hand-to-hand combat! The contenders are letter winners 6-7 junior Raynard Davis (1.9/1.0), 6-4 junior Dennis Perryman (3.0/2.0) and 6-4 soph Myron Lilley (2.6/1.8). There's also 6-6 soph Doug Dennis, who was injured much of last season, 6-7 JC import Ed Green, 6-5 junior transfer Patrick Fairs and 6-7 frosh John Sykes.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Yes, Texas, got itself trotting last season, but the loss of Wacker and Cooper might have pulled the Longhorns up a bit lame in their strive for hardwood respectability. Bob Weltlich is optimistic and will have this cor-

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ralful of 'horns competitive to be sure, but a repeat of last year's peek on the winning side of College Basketball seems the most this squad should expect.

# Rice (11-16)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Owls' bossman Tommy Suitts has laid out a three-project formula for success on the hardwood this season: 1) solid seasons from veterans Greg Hines, Terrence Cashaw and Ivan Petitt; 2) progress from his returning sophs; and 3) a couple of recruits who can step in and play a lot of minutes. Given those three, the Owls could turn from a SWC also-ran into a peck of trouble for the opposition.

Suitts is bubbling with optimism over the looks of his ballyhooed recruiting class, but he knows it's really going to come down to the play of his returnees if Rice is to improve on last year's 3-13 conference mark. It doesn't look like any of the newcomers will be winning spots on the backline, not with 6-1 senior Petitt and 6-3 junior Hines back for duty. Hines wound up with a 15.3 ppg average, while Petitt netted 7.5 an outing. The Owls need a point man to replace the graduated Tracy Steele, the leading candidates looking to be returnees 6-7 soph Jeff Crawford (3.7) and 6-2 soph Michael Irving (1.8) plus JC im-

port 6-6 soph Mike Girardi.

In the front line, much of Rice's success will depend on how recruits fill in the vacancies. One man sure to play is Cashaw, a 6-7 senior who netted 9.9 points and 6.5 reebs a contest a year ago. Cashaw did a fine job filling in at the pivot when regular center Dave Ramer was injured a year ago, but Suitts figures he'll be more productive moving back to his natural forward slot. That, however, would leave a big hole in the middle, where Suitts is hoping newcomers frosh 6-8 Andy Gilchrist and 6-10 Magnus Matthiasson can do the job. Soph 6-6 Carl Daniels (2.1/1.4) will compete with Rice's largest (in both quantity and quality) recruiting class for playing time. The newcomers include, in addition to Matthiasson and Gilchrist, frosh 6-7 Richard Holmes and 6-7 Glenn Youngkin.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Forecasting the fate of a team loaded with youngsers like this year's Owls is more difficult to predict than the winning New York Lotto number (and a lot less profitable!). Tommy Suitts won't even take a shot at it, pointing out there's so many question marks on this year's club. Intrepid prognosticators that we are, GAMEPLAN will give it a go. The Owls are primed with eager newcomers anxious to make it on the college level. While no threat to the big boys in the SWC, look for Rice to move a few notches closer to a break-even record in '85-'86 as a number of their youngsters

grow up in a hurry!

# Southland Conf.

#### Lamar (20-12)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Cardinals converted what was to be a rebuilding year into Lamar's seventh straight 20-victory season last winter, despite the most difficult schedule in school history. And if Coach Pat Foster's replacements for departed standout guards Jerry Everett and Puntus Wilson come through, the Cardinals should make it eight in a row at the hallowed 20-win plateau in '85-'86.

That's not to say that the loss of the backcourt pair is not of major consequence, since Everett and Wilson contributed 38.9 percent of Lamar's scoring and 26.5 percent of last year's board-pounding. Making the most noise to replace that duo will be juniors 6-4 Karl McCauley (7.6/2.5) and 6-2 James Nance (5.6/1.3) plus 6-4 soph Shannon Nero (3.4/1.6), all of whom had the opportunity to start at one time or another last winter. Joining the Cards' backcourt via the transfer route will be 6-3 junior Danny Gauthier (Tulane) and 6-4 junior DeWayne Brown (Baylor), who made the SWC all-newcomer team back in '83-'84 when he averaged 9.6 ppg for the Bears. Also coming aboard is frosh marksman 6-3 Tony Harris, who'll compete for playing time with solid reserve 6-4 senior Wayne McKinney (3.1).

Lamar should have a size advantage in the paint, where holdover incumbents include 6-8, 280-pound soph James Gulley and 6-9 junior Anthony Todd. Gulley muscled his way to the SLC "newcomer of year" award with frosh stats to match his bulk: 13.8 ppg scoring average, 7.8 rebounds, 56.5 percent field goal accuracy and 26 games in double figures. His sidekick in the Cards' double low post setup, Todd, was an NIT all-star who finished the season with a 12.1 scoring norm, 6.3 caroms a contest and a 54 perfect shooting average from the field. Bidding for other spot up front will be 6-11, 230-pound senior Greg Anderson (3.6/2.9) along with JC newcomer 6-7 junior Ed Manuel, who averaged 15.7 points and 11 rebounds a game at Hutchinson (Kansas) JC.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lamar's second place finish last winter was only the second time in eight years that the Cards haven't captured the SLC crown, and they're breathing hard to get back on top this time around. Given the size this club possesses under the hoop, the experience present on the backline and the addition of talented JC import Manuel, you've just gotta believe Pat Foster's club has a helluva shot at doing just that!

# Louisiana Tech (29-3)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Tommy Joe Eagles is kinda like the kid who shows up at a birthday party after the ice cream and cake is all gone! After all, Eagles takes over a team that's coming off its greatest year—29-3 record, SLC regular season and tourney championships and NCAA Sweet 16 finalist.

But for Eagles, the chance to coach at his alma mater is the frosting on the cake, even though the Bulldogs will be without inside aces Karl "Mailman" Malone and Willie Simmons, plus four-year regular backcourter Alan Davis. Malone, of course, was the dogs' top scorer (16.5) and rebounder (9.0) who passed up his senior season and was drafted by the Utah Jazz in the NBA's first round. The lone returnee inside is 6-5 junior Robert Godbolt, who sparked the Techsters' second half drive to the league title, finishing with a 10.1 scoring average with 5.3 reebs and a strong 57.3 field goal shooting percentage. At the other forward slot, 6-5 senior Willie Bland has the best chance at getting regular work after standing out as the club's top reserve last winter. Bland finished as the Eagles' second best scorer (11.8), achieved on a super field goal shooting percentage of 61.8. He also cleared the boards at a 4.8 clip while proving to be a pickpocket defensively with a team-leading 69 steals. Bidding for work in the middle will be 6-8 senior David Jordan (2.2/1.5), 6-9 redshirt frosh Robert McAlister and a pair of newcomers, 6-8 junior Louis Cook and 6-8 frosh Randy White. Cook was a standout at Westark JC in Arkansas, while White comes from Shreveport where folks are saying he'll remind Tech fans of Karl Malone before his college career is over. Another sleeper is 6-6 frosh redshirt Mike Ames, who has worlds of potential at forward.

The school's all-time assist leader, 6-4 senior Wayne Smith, once again is the spotlight performer on the backline. Smith Dished off 173 times a year ago while also contributing 10.2 points a game. Veteran guards available include 6-2 soph Kelvin Lewis (2.1), 6-3 senior Roderick Hannibal (2.3) and 6-4 soph Darryl Emerson (1.6). Of that group, Lewis has the best shot at winning a starting role, but he'll have to fend off the challenge of incoming JC stars 6-6 junior Charlie Jackson and 6-2 junior Charlie Brown.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: When Andy Russo left the 'dogs head coaching job to become Washington's head man, Tommy Joe Eagles got what he's always wanted. His first season at the Louisiana Tech helm, however, will test his rebuilding ability. The 'dogs got a helluva kick in the shins with the loss of Malone, Simmons and Davis, and it doesn't take a basketball genius to predict there's no way this club is going to match last year's super 29-3 slate. Less talented and less experienced, particularly inside, than last year's standout club, the Bulldogs are due to get their heads out of the clouds and their feet back on the ground this time around.

Northeast Louisiana (17-12)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Average

Northeast was the surprise of the SLC a year ago, bouncing back from the loss of four starters to go 17-12 for the second winter in a row and narrowly missing the league tourney finals. Coach Mike Vining has all five regulars back for this go-around and has to rate as one of the conference favorites.

Headlining the incumbents is 6-3 senior guard Arthur Hayes,

Elvin's nephew who is the only returning member of the All-SLC team. Hayes netted 15.4 points an outing, captured 3.6 rebounds, dished out 89 feeds and was first in the league with 66 steals. Senior 6-3 Elgin James (14.1/2.3) teams with Hayes in what many consider the finest backcourt duo in the league. James had 85 assists and 50 steals a year ago. The top backline reserves are letter winners 6-1 soph Brian Spencer (1.8) and 6-1 junior Randy Vining.

The veteran front court incumbents are a high-scoring, board-pounding bunch that includes senior forwards 6-6 Bobby Jenkins (13.6/6.6) and 6-8 Gerard Phillips (4.7/5.1) plus 6-8 soph middle man Michael Saulsberry (13.9/6.0). Saulsberry could be a superstar by the time he picks up his diploma, while Jenkins and Phillips are outstanding defenders as well who finished high in the league in blocked shots. Swingman 6-3 soph Sean Paulfrey (6.7/3.5) does the job in front court or back, and Coach Vining went for tall timber with his class of recruits — 6-9 Jeff Byrd, 6-8 Bryan Robbs, 6-5 Morris Spencer, 6-6 Stephen Seeley, his older brother 6-7 Oliver Seeley, and 7-1



JUCO import Lance Scott.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Mike Vining will tell you straight up, "We have the makings of a very good basketball team," and there's no way GAMEPLAN's gonna argue with that! With the same club back that nearly beat Oklahoma and Louisiana Tech last season, Vining should have absolutely no reservations about proclaiming his Indians one of the teams to beat in the SLC Sweepstakes!

## McNeese St (18-10)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Despite the loss of All-American Joe Dumars, the SLC's top scorer with a 25.8 per game norm, Cowboy skipper Glen Duhon thinks his '85-'86 McNeese Staters could be one of the best

scoring outfits in school history.

All-Everything Dumars, a first round NBA draftee, was the sixth leading pointmaker in the nation a year ago as McNeese averaged 76.2 markers per contest. His departure means the responsibility for putting points up will shift to the frontcourt, where 6-9 junior Jerome Batiste and 6-7 senior Kenny Jimerson will do the shooting. They both proved very capable at that chore last season, Jimerson netting 13.1 points a game and Batiste 12.1. In addition, Batiste was second on the club in rebounding with a 7.5 caroms a contest average. The Cowboys also lost top board-pounder Chris Hardin, and Duhon will be looking at 6-6 junior George Kearse (4.4/4.2) and good-looking 6-9 frosh prospect Anthony Pullard to fill the void. A Louisiana all-stater who bucketed more than 20 points and grabbed 15 reebs per game in high school, Pullard is a real blue-chipper who had scholarship offers from across the nation. Another rookie, 6-6 Steve Rochelle, could also help right away, and so might 6-5 junior Ronald Cox, who started two years back but sat out last season.

Setting the pace on the backline will be 6-3 senior point guard Girard Harmon, who led the SLC with 184 assists a year ago. He also contributed 5.4 ppg. Kansas transfer 6-2 Mike Marshall could latch onto a starting job at guard. He's super quick and a good shooter. Also bidding for backline berths are 6-1 soph James Cain, 6-3 freshmn Greg Ruffin and Dave Swan, plus 6-5 JC transfer Mark Lozoya, who'll become eligible at mid-term. He averaged 19 points and 12 reebs in San Diego.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: McNeese lost four seniors from last year's squad, and Joe Dumars and Chris Hardin will be particularly difficult to replace. Toss in a rugged schedule and although we believe Glen Duhon when he says his club will score a lot of points, we don't think they'll net enough to

duplicate last year's won-lost log.

# Arkansas St (14-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average

Talk about setting lofty goals! All ASU Coach Nelson Catalina wants to do in '85-'86 is win 18-20 games, finish in the top three in the SLC and go unbeaten in conference games at Indian Fieldhouse!

Catalina will leave the motivating toward those lofty achievements to his three returning starters: 6-3 senior guard Tim Norman, 6-7 senior forward Mike Todd and 6-6 junior Reggie Gordon, who played both in the pivot and on the flank. Norman topped the Indians in scoring last season (15.0), Todd bucketed points at an 8.6 clip while pacing the club in rebounding (7.0), while Gordon showed his versatility by scoring 13.4 ppg, picking off caroms at a 6.3 per game rate and leading the team in assists (70) and steals (33).

Prime candidates to join Norman in the starting backcourt are 6-4 junior Brad Goshien (6.0/3.5) and Oklahoma City transfer 6-0 Steve Wiedower, Also making a pitch will be 6-4

soph Mark Hill and 6-1 JC import David Wagner.

Alan Smith, a 6-6 soph who broke into the starting lineup late in the year, will probably open with Todd at the forward slots after hitting 6.9 ppg a year ago with 3.1 rebounds. Poised to provide assistance under the hoop are 6-8 freshman Baker Moseley and incoming frosh 6-7 John Tate. Moseley, a redshirt last year following knee surgery, is a tower of strength if he can go 100 percent, while Tate, Arkansas' player of the year his final scholastic season, is inexperienced but full of potential.

Other new faces include 6-6 freshman forwards Mark Fowler and Wayne Jackson plus 6-9 frosh pivot hopeful Greg Williams.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If you don't have goals, you'll never attain 'em! Right! Nelson Catalina's Indians just might do it this season, particularly if they can get some help up front from Moseley and the incoming freshmen. ASU will be a bit small by most standards, but the Indians are blessed with plenty of speed and shooting ability. Go get 'em, guys!

# Texas-Arlington (12-16)

Starters Returning-2

Schedule-Average

If it's true that beauty is indeed in the eyes of the beholder, then last year's 12-16 log was a delight for Texas-Arlington considering the fact Snake LeGrand's Mavs won just five games the winter before.

Continued improvement will be the goal this season as well, although the Mavs will have to overcome the loss of last year's top scorer, center Dennis Kwiecinski, plus Sam Donnell and Darryl Jackson, who have decided not to return to school.

Soph 6-9 Bill Killough (2.3/1.0) is the lone center listed on the Mavs' vet roster, although incoming 6-8 freshman Jim Usher will get a look-see in the middle. Lacing up their sneakers to try for the vancancies at forward will be lettermen 6-5 senior James Harris (9.9/2.3), 6-5 junior Ike Mitchell (6.9/3.4), 6-5 junior Anthony Texas (6.3/1.7), 6-5 senior Bob Hughes (6.1/1.6) and 6-8 soph Frank Dyer (1.2/1.6). Also available is frosh redshirt 6-5 Kevin Bush. Harris is attempting to come back after missing the final games of last year due to a lung ailment.

The big man in the back court will again be little Ronell Peters, a 5-6 senior three-year letterman who netted 5.1 ppg a year ago while leading the team in assists (150) and steals (44). Bidding for the other outside post will be monogram owners 6-1 junior Danny Wojciak (7.3), 6-2 senior Reggie Hurd (8.1) and 6-2 soph Roderick Ford (2.4). Creason Hay, a 6-4 transfer from Tulsa, could make an impact in the backcourt, as could 6-0 frosh redshirt Bobby LeGrand, who gets his allowance from Coach Snake.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Movin' Mavs will be an experienced bunch and should be able to give a good account of themselves in Southland action. The loss of big scorers Kwiecinski and Donnell has to hurt, however, and from this vantage point a repeat of last year's record would be a real feather in Snake LeGrand's 10-gallon Stetson.

# North Texas St (5-23)

Starters Returning-4

Schedule-Average

Despite the fact the Eagles won just five times in 28 starts a year ago, NTSU head man Tommy Newman is anxious to tip

off the new campaign.

The reason behind that enthusiasm is spelled e-x-p-e-r-i-e-n-c-e, as Newman loses just one starter from last year's young aerie of Eagles. NTSU returns its entire starting front court from a year ago, big men 6-5 senior Larry Banks, 6-6 senior Paul Meyer and 6-7 soph Tony Worrell. Banks averaged 11.5 points an outing and 5.8 rebounds, Meyer was the club's leading board banger with a 6.2 per game average while netting 7.5 points and Worrell's stats showed a 4.9 scoring norm with 3.5 caroms. Soph 6-8 Dennis Smith (5.8/2.9) and 6-9 junior Paul Elkjer (4.1/3.5) are reliable reserves, but Newman thinks JC imports 6-5 Gienroy Ferguson and 6-7 Chris Thomas plus 6-8 recruit Andrien Choplick might step in right away and contribute.

Working the backline again will be last season's ace point producer, 6-5 senior guard Vincent Greene, who had a 14.4 ppg average along with a team-leading 43 assists and 35 steals. Back in action after knee problems a year ago is 6-3 senior guard Andre Bouttee, but he'll have to beat out letterman 6-4 junior Billy Carmack (4.8), redshirt frosh 6-2 William Smith, 5-11 junior JC import Deon Alexander and ex-Arkansas player 6-5 Keenan DeBose for game time.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year's Eagles fielded a squad dominated by freshmen and sophs with the resulting 5-23 (1-12 in the SLC) record showing the price NTSU paid for inexperience. Those wounds having healed, aided by a transfu-

sion of junior college talent, the Eagles should get it back on track in 1985-86. Not world-beaters, mind you, but certainly an improvement on last year's miserable five victories!

# Independent

## Southwest Louisiana (17-14)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

What could be more exciting for Ragin' Cajun fans than having four starters back from last year's NIT entry? How about the anticipated opening of the Cajundome, a plush playground that'll be the scene as Southwest Louisiana hosts the toughest home hardwood schedule in school history.

USL fans should be just wild about this year's batch of Cajuns, particularly Coach Bobby Paschal's backcourt duo of seniors 6-1 Cedric Hill and 5-10 Drexal Allen. The pair averaged 14.0 and 12.0 ppg respectively a year ago, with Hill pumping in 20 per contest during the season's latter half when the Cajuns went to a three-guard attack. Allen has been the club's quarterback the past two seasons, last year dishing off on 135 occasions. The backline backup crew includes 6-0 junior Brian Jolivette (3.1). Tulane transfer 6-3 soph Stephen Beene and 6-3 frosh newcomer Keith Harrison, a two-time all-stater from Georgia who can really shoot.

The headliners in the frontline are 6-6 senior forward Donald Jacobs, a big contributor last season with 13.2 points an outing along with 6.5 reebs, and 6-7 soph surprise Rodney McNeil, who started the final 14 games and netted nearly four points and 4.4 caroms a contest. Providing bulk in the middle will be 6.9 senior strongman Raphael Phillip (3.1/3.3), 6-8 soph Dale Turner (2.3/2.0) and 6-5 soph swingman Randal Smith (5.5/4.3), who showed what he can do with a 17-rebound performance against Stetson. Also pressing for playing time will be frosh redshirts 6-7 Demetrius Abram and 6-7 Bruce Nix, along with another Tulane transfer, 6-5 senior swingman Marcus Hamilton, and recruits 6-7 Horace Burton and 6-6 Jerry McNeil, both of whom earned all-state kudos in Alabama and Florida, respectively

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Cajun fans will be enjoying more than just the creature comforts of a new playing court when the Dome opens for this year's basketball season—they'll be watching a pretty fair counhardwood team as well! Armed with a rosterful of solid vets, a couple of fine transfers and some good-looking frosh, Bobby Paschal's bunch

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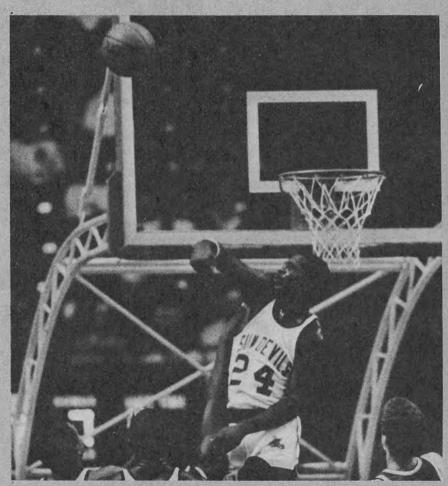
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Super soph Chris Sandle hopes to "reject" anyone who stands in the way of Arizona State's drive to the top of the PAC-10.

# Pacific Ten

# Washington (22-10)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

The torch has been passed at Washington, from the venerable white-haired Marv Harshman to Andy Russo, a young, aggressive coach who worked miracles at Louisiana Tech. After 14 seasons and 246 victories, Harshman stepped down as the coach of the Huskies. Now it's up to Russo to maintain the winning tradition.

Harshman left Russo with a good start—4 starters from last year's team that tied for first place in the Pac-10 and lost to Kentucky in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. Russo Inherits enough talent for the Huskies to make a run at their third straight Pac-10 title and trip to the NCAAs. The only player missing from the '84-'85 lineup is All-America Detlef Schrempf, a first-round pick in the NBA draft.

But the huskies are loaded with experience, led by All-Pac-10 center Christian Welp (13.0/7.0), a 7-foot junior who has the potential to rank with the top big men in the country. Welp's backup will be 6-9 junior Phil Zevenbergen, a transfer from Edmonds (Wash.) Community College.

The forward positions will be manned by 6-9 senior Paul Fortier (13.2/6.4), a solid performer who has been overshadowed by the greatness of Schrempf, and either 6-5 soph J. D. Taylor (2.3/0.9) or 6-5 junior Kevin Vidato (2.0/1.0).

The Huskies return a veteran backcourt, but they still don't have an experienced point guard to direct traffic. Clay Damon (8.9/1.9), a 6-3 junior, and Shag Williams (5.2/2.8), a 6-3 senior, are the incumbents. Aware of the problems at the point, Russo recruited 6-1 junior Greg Hill, who attended El Camino College last year, and 6-1 freshman Eldridge Recasner.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Andy Russo, who guided Louisiana Tech to the NCAA Tournament in '84-'85, should have no problems taking the Huskies with him this year. They will be tough inside with the offense geared to Welp, an improving pivotman. However, the Huskies lack overall team speed and a quality point guard which could keep them from becoming a Top 10 team. They have enough talent, though, to become the Pac-10 champion.

# Arizona St (12-16)

Starters Returning-4 Schedule-Above Avg.

The basketball program at Arizona State has been filled with controversy the past few seasons, culminating with the firing of Bob Weinhauer in the spring. It will be interesting to see how interim coach Steve Patterson, hired as Weinhauer's assistant, picks up the pieces of the troubled program.

The Sun Devils, a major disappointment in '84'85, should see their fortunes headed in the right direction with four starters back plus an exciting pair of newcomers. ASU has one of the top backcourts in the conference in 6-0 junior Bobby Thompson (10.6 ppg) and 6-3 Steve Beck (11.2 ppg), the team's top scorer last year. Thompson set a single season assist record with 152 in '84-'85 and is fourth on ASU's career list with 266. For depth, there is 6-0 senior Ron Singleton (6.3), 5-11 sophomore Arthur Thomas (4.3), 6-6 redshirt freshman Mark Carlino and 6-5 junior Shaughn Ryan, a highly touted recruit from Orange Coast College.

The frontline is highlighted by 6-7 soph Chris Sandle (10.0/5.2), a member of the PAC-10 All Freshman team. Eric Holloway (6.7/3.6), a 6-7 junior, and 6-6 soph Vernon Johnson (2.2/1.7) will battle for a starting job at forward. Alex Austin, a 6-6 freshman who was a schoolboy All-American in California, will challenge the veterans. ASU is looking for 6-10 senior Jon Taylor (4.2/3.8), who blocked 42 shots last year, to become more consistent and less foul-prone at center.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Sun Devils can be brilliant on occasions but they are erratic. Their backcourt is solid and the frontline promising, but they have to cut down on mistakes

and play as a team, not as individuals. If the Sun Devils reach their potential, they could be a contender, but they have to rebound better than they did last year, when they were last in the PAC-10.

# Oregon St (22-9)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

Winning basketball games at Oregon State is as natural as the steady rain during the winter. Coach Ralph Miller, twice named the National Coach of the Year, has more victories than any active college coach in America. His overall record is 601-325 and his Beavers have won 20 or more games for six consecutive seasons. Also, they've been to seven straight post-season tournaments.

With three straters returning from the '84-'85 team that reached the NCAA Tournament, their winning ways should continue in '85-'86. The Beavers will build their attack around the multiple skills of Steve Woodside, a 6-9 senior who scored 12.6 points per game and corralled five rebounds per outing despite playing in the shadow of A.C. Green, who is off to the NBA. Woodside will be the center of attention, backed up by 6-8 junior Pat Giusti (2.3/1.2) and 6-10 red-shirt freshman Joe Carpenter.

The backcourt is solid with 6-3 senior Darryl Flowers, a fouryear starter who averaged 10.1 points and dished out 4.2 assists a game, and 6-2 soph Eric Knox (7.1 ppg), a member of the Pac-10 All-Freshman team. If either of the returning starters falter, Miller is confident that 6-2 senior Darrin Houston (3.4/1.3), 6-1 soph Byron Thierry (1.0/0.7) and 6-0 Todd Thomas can get the job done. A pair of classy 6-4 freshmen should be a factor—Van Anderson, one of the top players in the West, and Brian King, the Oregon Player of the Year.

The leading contenders at forward are 6-7 senior Tyrone Miller (3.4,.4) and 6-10 senior Jose Ortiz, a member of the Puerto Rican National Team who will be eligible in late December. Depth will be provided by 6-6 soph Jeff Hales, 6-8 soph Mark Kaska and 6-7 red-shirt freshman lan Russell.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Ralph Miller's teams are always well-coached and disciplined, and the '85-'86 model should run just as smoothly as his past clubs. They are big and physical—an Oregon State trademark—and they love to play defense. With a little more quickness, which could come from the freshmen, the Beavers should be expected to make a run at the Pac-10 title.

## UCLA (21-12)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

The folks at UCLA have been waiting nearly a decade for the coach with the right stuff to finally put to rest the memory of the legendary John Wooden. That coach finally emerged in '84-'85 in the person of Walt Hazzard, a no-nonsense guy who was the ignition that drove the Bruins to the first of their 10 national championships in 1964.

How did Hazzard resurrect UCLA's program in his first year? Simply. He installed the "John Wooden System," which means the Bruins will play an aggressive, up-tempo style of basketball. After a slow start last year, they won 12 of their last 13 games, including the NIT championship. Reggie Miller, a 6-7 junior who was the NIT Most Valuable Player, is one of the best shooters in college basketball. An All-American candidate, Miller averaged 15.2 points and 4.3 rebounds a game last year.

The Bruins will try to run at the drop of a basketball and the man who puts the "go" into the attack is 6-1 junior Montel Hatcher (8.4/2.0). The other guard slot is wide open and it wouldn't be too surprising if one of the freshmen take it over. Jerome "Pooh" Richardson, a 6-1 prep All-America, is a flashy ballhandler from Philadelphia, Hazzard's hometown, and 6-3 Rod Palmer was one of the most highly recruited players on the West Coast. They will battle juniors Corey Gaines (4.0/1.2)

and Dave Immel (4.2/1.4).

The frontline needs to be rebuilt with Miller the only experienced player. Craig Jackson (4.4/3.7), a 6-7 soph and a member of the Pac-10 All-Freshman team, is a leading candidate. Depth will be provided by Kelvin Butler (1.8/1.2), a 6-6 soph, and Jerald Jones (1.1/0.7), a 6-5 soph. The center position is a question because 6-10 junior Jack Haley (1.0/1.7) is the only returnee who played last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Now that the Bruins are familiar with Walt Hazzard's ways, they should get out of the blocks faster than they did in '84-'85. They are quick and can shoot, but they lack size and experience up front. Miller is a terrific ballplayer who could carry the Bruins a long way by himself. But they won't go very far unless Hazzard comes up with a big

man to control the middle.

# California (13-15)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Above Avg.

Lou Campanelli, who made a habit of winning when he was at James Madison, could be a big hit in his first season as the head coach at California. He inherits a wealth of talent and experience, a combination that could thrust the Bears to the top

of the Pac-10 standings.

The backcourt should be solid, if not spectacular, with 6-1 junior Kevin Johnson (12.9/3.9), an honorable mention All-Pac-10 pick, and 6-1 junior Chris Washington (13.1/3.3). This lightning-quick pair has started together the past two seasons and has developed into one of the finest duos on the West Coast. Backing them up will be 6-2 junior Earnie Sears, 6-5 soph Kari Kulonen and 6-4 senior Michael Taylor.

The frontline has a familiar look to it with forwards 6-7 soph Leonard Taylor (12.4/6.1), the Pac-10 freshman of the Year in '84-'85, and Dave Butler, a medical redshirt last season and the Pac-10 Rookie of the Year in '83-'84. Butler, who was sidelined with stress fractures of both knees, averaged 13.3 points and 4.0 rebounds. The frontcourt will be bolstered by 6-7 junior forward Jon Wheeler, a transfer from St. Mary's (Calif.) College.

Depth at forward will be provided by 6-7 junior Jim Beatie (3.3/1.3), who started 12 games last year, 6-6 junior Eddie Javius (4.0/2.5), 6-6 junior Richard Chang (3.3/1.3), 6-8 soph Ethan Robinson (2.8/1.4) and 6-5 junior Jeff Huling (2.1/1.0).

Campanelli's biggest concern will be to find a center. The top two contenders for the job are a pair of freshmen, 6-10 Bart

Koenitzer and 6-9 Jan Svoboda.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If Campanelli can find a competent big man to handle the chores at center and if the Bears develop quality reserve strength, this could be a very B-I-G year. California has a starting five that can stay on the floor with the best of them in the PAC-10. Campanelli's teams are fundamentally strong and defensive-minded. The '85-'86 Bears should be no different. They have a chance to be a factor in the Pac-10.

# Washington St (13-15)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

Optimism is flowing in Pullman, where the long-suffering Washington State fans are giddy with the talk of a 20-win season and possibly a Pac-10 title. Coach Len Stevens is blessed with the finest collection of players he's had at WSU, which staggered to a tie for eighth in last year's league standings.

They have everybody back from that team, led by All-Pac-10 guard Keith Morrison, the do-everything 6-3 senior who averaged 12.3 points, 7.1 rebounds and 4.9 assists. He is one of the most versatile players in college basketball. The other guard will be two-year starter Chris Winkler, who missed most of last season after breaking his collarbone in a sledding accident. The 6-3 senior averaged 9.8 points in '83-'84.

Joe Wallace (18.1/3.5) was WSU's top outside shooting threat last year and heads WSU's deepest frontline in years. The 6-7 forward scored 507 points last season—fourth best single season in WSU history—and shot 51 percent from the floor. Joining Wallace up front will be 6-9 senior Otis Jennings (11.6/5.0), who possesses rare quickness for a man his size, and 7-0 junior Ken Mathia (4.1/3.0). Mathia, a starter in the last

nine league games, could blossom into an intimidating center.

If you're looking for someone to break into the lineup, look in the direction of Dwayne Scholten, a 6-9 forward and center who transferred from Seattle Pacific. His size and rebounding ability will make it hard to keep him sitting alongside Stevens.

The Cougars are strong off the bench with 5-11 senior Kitrick Taylor (2.7/0.7), 6-4 junior Billy Joe Rhymes (1.6/0.3), 6-4 senior Al Durr (0.5/0.5), 6-8 soph Brian Quinnett (5.9/3.2) and 7-1 soph Todd Anderson (4.0/3.0). Freshmen of note will be 6-2 David Sanders, 6-3 Anthony Kidd, 6-7 Neil Evans, and 6-4 redshirt

Brian Wright.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cougars are a team with a mission—win the Pac-10 championship. They seem to have all the ingredients necesary to be a contender. They can run, they can shoot, and they can rebound. Coach Len Stevens can't hide his enthusiasm and he has good reason to look forward to the '85-'86 season. WSU should be in the thick of the race for the conference crown.

## Southern Cal (19-10)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

Stan Morrison's Trojans hated to see the '84-'85 Cinderella season come to an end. USC was a real surprise, nearly reversing an 11-20 record of two years ago for the third best turnaround in the nation (+9). In '84-'85, the Trojans shared the Pac-10 title with Washington and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The roller coaster ride should continue for the Trojans, who can't possibly expect to match last year's success. They suffered heavy losses and even a superb class of freshmen won't be able to give the Trojans enough firepower to reach the dizzying heights of last season. Gone are Wayne Carlander, the Pac-10 Player of the year, and three other starters.

The Trojans, who employ a one-guard offense, are fortunate to have an outstanding man at the point in 5-11 senior Larry Friend, an All-Pac-10 honorable selection who scored just 4.6 points a game but handed out 6.1 assists. Behind Friend are 6-1 junior Ivan Harris (0.4 ppg), 6-1 redshirt soph Carl

Washington and 6-2 freshman Rich grande.

The two wing positions in USC's one-two-two offense (one point guard, two wingmen and two post men) are unsettled. This is where the freshmen could make the most impact, particularly 6-7 Tom Lewis, a McDonald's All-America. The leading veterans are 6-5 senior Kevin Steward (3.5/1.9), 6-6 redshirt soph Ron Young and 6-6 soph Brad Winslow.

Derrick Dowell (11.6/8.3), a 6-6 junior who was All-Pac-10 honorable mention last year, is assured of starting at one of the post positions. His backups are expected to be 6-7 senior Troy leMar and 6-6 freshmen Eric Gaithers and 6-8 Mike Canada. The other post job will be contested for by 6-10 junior Charlie Simpson (3.0/2.3), 6-11 junior Ivan Verberckt, a transfer from Long Beach State and 6-9 junior Rod Keller (1.2/1.1).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If the youngsters come through in a hurry, USC could again be a surprise. But the Trojans have so many new faces that a repeat of last year is unlikely. The talent is there, but it's inexperienced and is a year away. Every other year seems to be USC's year.

## Arizona (21-10)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

A year ago, Lute Olson guided the Wildcats to a 21-10 record and a trip to the NCAA Tournament. A year ago, Arizona featured a pair of All-PAC 10 performers in Pete Williams and Eddie Smith.

Williams and Smith are gone, along with two other starters from the '84-'85 club. Arizona will be extremely young in '85-'86 with six freshmen, three sophomores, three juniors and only two seniors. However, Olson has put together back-to-back outstanding recruiting years so the Wildcats won't be completely without some hope.

The only returning starter is 6-2 junior Steve Kerr, a crack outside shooter who scored 10 points and dished out four assists a game last year. The other guard slot is wide open and being eyed by 6-4 junior Bruce Fraser and freshmen Eric Cooper and 5-11 Kenny Lofton. Craig McMillan, a 6-6 soph, was

a top reserve last year as a swingman and will continue to see action at both guard and forward.

The other experienced players up front are 6-5 senior forward David Haskin (3.4/1.2), 6-9 sophomore center Joe Turner (2.1/1.3), 6-6 senior center John Edgar (1.6/1.1) and 6-7 sophomore forward Rolf Jacobs (1.2/1.0).

The big noises could come from a bang-up group of newcomers, led by 6-7 Sean Elliott, the top prep player in Arizona, and 6-2 junior Derek Jones, a transfer from Long Beach City College. Ohter freshmen who could be heard from are 6-9 Brian David, 6-9 Bruce Wheatley and 6-8 Anthony Cook.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Lute Olson has a big job replacing last year's stars, but he has several young stars of the future ready to blossom in '85-'86. The Wildcats will probably get off to a slow start until the newcomers make the adjustment to big-time college basketball, but by the end of the season, Arizona could be a team to watch closely.

# Stanford (11-17)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—4

Dr. Tom Davis, the good doctor who starts his fourth season as Stanford's head coach, isn't used to losing. He may have the cure for what ails his Cardinals. It's called experience, something the Cardinals lacked in '84-'85.

The prospects for turning things around look good because the Cardinals return nine of their top 10 scorers and rebounders, including four starters from last year's team that finished in the cellar in the Pac-10. They have a lot of paying back to do.

Stanford will be loaded in the backcourt, where 6-0 senior Keith Ramee (6.0 ppg, 4.1 assists) and 6-3 junior John Paye (5.6 ppg) handled the starting chores last year. They will be joined by 6-2 senior guard Steve Brown, who sat out last season with a medical redshirt after scoring 10.9 points a game as a parttime starter in '83-'84. The cardinals have numbers at guard with 6-1 junior Novian Whitsitt (10.3/2.5), 6-2 senior John Williams (5.6/2.1), and 6-2 soph Scott Meinert (4.5/1.0).

In addition to the wealth of veterans, Davis can choose from a pair of promising freshmen guards, 6-4 Todd Lichti and 6-1

Terry Taylor.

The starting forwards, 6-6 senior Earl Koberlein (10.4/4.4) and 6-4 senior Andy Fischer (8.9/2.9), will have a hard time keeping 6-11 soph Greg Butler (6.1/2.5) on the bench much longer. Also joining the competition will be 6-8 freshman Howard Wright and 6-7 freshman Bryan McSweeney.

The center slot should be filled by Eric Reveno, a 6-8 soph who found time last year to score 3.8 points and grab 2.6 rebounds per game. His backups will be 6-8 junior Grady

Johnson and 6-10 freshman Derek Bruton.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Tom Davis has a lot of bodies to shuffle in and out of the lineup as the Cardinals apply fullcourt pressure for the full 40 minutes. He has depth at guard, which is a must in his style of play. The frontline has potential to be a good one when the young saplings grow up into tall sturdy trees. The Cardinals have what it takes to be a spoiler, and that's a lot better than being a last-place team.

# Oregon (15-16)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule-Above Avg.

Don Monson's Ducks are in the rebuilding stage, which means that '85-'86 won't be a banner year. They have gaping holes in the lineup with the loss of All-Pac 10 center Blair Rasmussen, Chris Harper and Greg Trapp.

The future is in the hands of a pair of promising 6-4 sophs-Anthony Taylor (10.3/3.5), who was voted to the Pac 10

All-Freshman Team, and Rick Osborn (4.5/1.4), a multi-talented swingman. They are the only returnees with much game ex-

perience.

The backcourt is thin because the only other veteran is 5-10 junior David Girley (1.7 ppg), a seldom-used reserve last year. Monson may turn to 6-2 freshman Kevin Mouton and 6-3 freshman Steve Ranninger for immediate backup help.

If Monson keeps Taylor at guard, the frontline will have a completely new look this season. The top prospect may be transfer Jimmy Winston, a 6-7 junior forward who averaged

24.9 points for St. Gregory's College in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The only other returnees up front are 6-8 senior forward Jerry Adams (3.8/4.7), a part-time starter last year, 6-6 junior forward Kenny Sprague (2.3/1.5) and 6-7 sophomore Keith Balderston (1.7/1.3). Kofi Kyei, a 7-0 soph from Ghana, saw only 12 minutes of action last year and is a long way from being ready to help the Ducks.

There is hope that redshirt soph Thomas Deuster, a 6-9 forward, could become a factor. Two freshmen will be asked to make immediate contributions-6-10 Greg Senior and 6-9 Ian

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Somebody has to have the dubious distinction of being the worst team in the Pac-10. Oregon's Ducks seem to be that team in '85-'86. The backcourt is adequate but the frontline is woefully short on experience and bulk. Don Monson will get the most out of these Ducks, but there isn't much to get.

# W.A.C.

# Texas-El Paso (22-10)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Above Avg.

The UTEP Miners will be digging deep into their wealth of talent to come up with another WAC title, their fourth in a row. Nobody had ever won three in a row before last year.

Don Haskins is nearing a milestone season-his 25th, all at UTEP. He enters the year with a 441-202 record and returns a pretty good stable of players who promise to make a strong run at their third straight trip to the NCAA Tournament.

The leaders are 6-6 senior forward Juden Smith, a first-team All-WAC performer last year when he averaged 12.8 points and 6.5 rebounds, and Dave Feitl, a 6-9 senior center who paced the Miners in scoring (13.5) and rebounding (7.1) and was secondteam All-WAC.

Haskins, who generally uses a lot of folks, is looking to junior Jeep Jackson (5.1 ppg) to pick up the slack at the point guard slot and more consistent efforts from part-time starting forward Kevin Hamilton (5.5) and reserve guard Quintan Gates (4.3), a versatile 6-8, 200-pounder. Gates can play off-guard, small forward and, if the situation calls for it, he can go low and play with his back to the basket.

Wayne Campbell, at 6-7 and 200 pounds, is a big question mark after undergoing knee surgery early last season. Other red-shirted players who could help are 6-8 Mike Richmond, 6-4 Terry Stallworth and 6-1 Quincy Turner, a transfer from Michigan. Not to be overlooked is prized recruit Jerry Jones, a 6-6 forward with excellent credentials from Hillcrest, III.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Don Haskins churns out winners at UTEP with regularity and '85-'86 should be no different. The Miners have all the ingredients to walk away with the WAC title. If there is a possible problem, it will be rebounding at both ends of the court. The Miners aren't a physically overpowering team, but they have a lot of players who can play the

## New Mexico (19-13)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—4

The fans love their basketball in Albuquerque and the New Mexico Lobos should give them plenty to cheer about in '85-'86. The biggest problem will be not enough seats at University arena, where 324,953 fans attended 20 games last year to set a single-season school attendance mark.

It's no secret that Gary Colson's Lobos hope to make it to the NCAA Tournament this year after two straight appearances in the NIT. Colson could become the first coach in the school's history to guide the Lobos to post-season tournaments three years in a row.

The Lobos will ride the shooting touch of do-it-all Johnny Brown, a 6-5 senior forward All-America candidate who topped the team in scoring (18.8) and was second in rebounding (6.3) and third in steals (26). A second-team All-WAC choice last year, Brown, a power player who loves to muscle inside, is the

leading returning scorer in the conference.

The starting guard corps of 6-7 junior Hunter Greene (11.4/4.3) and 6-0 junior Kelvin Scarborough (10.6/5.5) provides consistent outside firepower while 6-7 junior forward Mike Winters (6.0/3.8) is the acknowledged leader on defense. Add the talents of 6-9 soph Shawn Brooks (4.4/2.7) at center and 6-0 soph Paul Lawson (3.9/1.8) at guard and you have the depth needed to help the Lobos make a run at the WAC title.

If that isn't enough, the Lobos brought in some newcomers who just might shove a couple of veterans out of their jobs. Look for Kelly Graves, a 6-6 guard from Ricks Junior College, and 6-7 freshman forward Bryan Parker to get a lot of playing

time.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The schedule is tough with the likes of Georgetown, Arizona, Oregon State and Michigan State, but New Mexico should be up to the challenge. The Lobos don't appear to have any glaring weaknesses. They shoot well. They run well. They rebound well. And they have quality reserves. In short, they have what it takes to be a champion of the WAC.

# Utah (15-16)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule—Average

The fun is back in Utah basketball and Coach Lynn Archibald is having a hard time hiding his optimism. The Utes have a young club, and with youth comes hope. Nine of the top 10 players return from last year's surprising 15-16 team that wasn't expected to win more than a handful of games.

The Utes survived injury and illness to finish strong, winning six of their last eight games without leading scorer Kelvin Upshaw. The senior guard, who averaged 17.4 points, is healthy now and will return to the lineup with two of the other guards who started last year in Utah's three-guard system—senior Manuel Hendrix (14.3 ppg) and soph playmaker Gale Gondrezick (5.3), who ran the team while allowing Upshaw and Hendrix to use their quickness to get open for easy shots.

There's also stability up front with the top two centers coming back, soph Gregg Dodd (4.3) and soph Bobby Adair (4.7). Also returning is a healthy Jerry Stroman, who missed seven games last year with a knee injury. Stroman (15.6) provides solid outside scoring punch from the forward spot. The other forward could be junior Albert Springs (5.8), an improved

shooter who loves to crash the boards.

Incoming help will come from two of Arizona's top prep stars—6-8 Mitch Smith (23 ppg) of Phoenix Alhambra High and 6-7 Jimmy Madison (14.4) of Yuma High. Additional depth could be provided by guard Tommy Connor (14.0) of Boise Borah High. Tommy is the son of former Boise State Coach Bus Connor.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Utah loves to run with the basketball with a quick-paced attack revolving around the perimeter shooting of the guards. The Utes have strength and numbers in the backcourt, but they lack the truly intimidating big man in the middle who could make them the champion of the WAC. Quality depth and experience will keep the Utes dreaming of more than just another so-so record, and a post-season trip to a tournament is a distinct possibility.

# San Diego State (23-8)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Average

A year ago, the Aztecs were picked to finish fifth in the WAC by the so-called experts. So what did they do? They fooled everyone by finishing second during the regular season and upsetting UTEP in the WAC tournament finals to reach the NCAAs.

Last year was the best ever by the Aztecs as an NCAA Division I entry, and to maintain those heights Coach Smokey Gaines will look to the outside shooting of All-WAC guard Anthony Watson. The man with the golden touch, Watson singed the hoops for 17.5 points per game as a junior and should be even better as he prepares for the pros. Quarterbacking the team will by slick point guard Creon Dorsey (8.3 ppg), whose basic job is to make sure the ball gets in the hands of Watson.

The Aztecs will live and die by the jump shot because they are thin underneath with the loss of last year's fine frontline that included All-WAC first team center Leonard Allen. Gaines is going to have to rebuild that frontcourt with holdovers John Martens (6 ppg) at forward and Gerald Murray (3.0) at center. The 6-8, 230-pound Murray isn't the leaper that Allen was, but the husky junior can move people out and clear the way around the hoops.

The best news for San Diego State fans may be the appearance of 6-9 forward Steffan Johnson, a transfer from LSU who knows how to bang the boards. The freshman with the most potential appears to be guard Tracy Dildy, a 24-point

scorer at Chicago's King High School.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Smokey Gaines has a major job in front of him to find some big people to go with his splendid shooter, Anthony Watson. The Aztecs have put together a streak of five straight plus-.500 campaigns and No. 6 should be right around the corner, although we don't see this team soaring to the lofty heights its immediate predecessor attained.

## Wyoming (15-14)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average

The 'Pokes have been an up-and-down team the past two years depending on who was healthy. Coach Jim Brandenburg isn't the superstitious type, but he has his fingers crossed that his cagers will spend more time on the court than in the trainer's room in '85-'86.

The roller coaster ride has produced some wildly exciting and unpredictable basketball at Wyoming, where the 'Pokes are ready to resume the climb back up the ladder and to the

top of the WAC standings.

Brandenburg does have to replace last winter's top scorer, Rodney Gowens, and leading rebounder, Jamal Hosey, but he has a budding star to build the club around in 6-4 swingman Fennis Dembo. Equally comfortable at guard or forward, Dembo, perhaps the best freshman in the league last year, burst on the scene to register 13.5 points and 7.3 caroms a game.

Other keys include how much improvement is made by sophomore centers Eric Leckner (8.4 ppg) and Dave Lodgins (6.9) and the continuing development of guards Les Bolden (8.4) and Turk Boyd (4.0). The real excitement is being generated by the appearance of 6-7 Marco Fleming, a blue-chip recruit and almost sure-fire starter from Manual Arts High School. The highly touted Fleming was the Los Angeles Player of the Year, averaging 17 points and 10 rebounds an outing.

Also joining the 'Pokes are 6-9 forward Chris Hiti (21 ppg) from Inver Grove Heights and 6-4 guard Rod Tyson, a local hero who lit up Laramie High with 18.3 points and 10 rebounds

per game last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Jim Brandenburg did a masterful job of coaching last year, piecing together a competitive
squad despite a rash of injuries. If his players escape the injury jinx in '85-'86, the 'Pokes could find themselves in the thick
of a heated WAC race. The pressure is on Dembo to shoulder
the load, and it won't be an easy task if the young centers
don't emerge as forces in the middle. Wyoming will field a
typically deliberate club that plays an aggressive match-up
zone on defense. All things considered, a finish in the WAC's
first division certainly isn't out of the question for this fine
team.

# Colorado St (18-12)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Tony McAndrews, entering his sixth year as the head coach, has Colorado State's basketball program right where he wants it—on the verge of attaining national prominence. The Rams hope to pick up where they left off last year, when they finished with five straight wins for an 18-12 record, their best mark since the '77-'78 season.

The '85-'86 version will have a new look, unlike any of McAndrews' previous teams. In the past, his teams have been devoted to a powerful inside game and quick backcourt players. This year's team will rely on speed and overall quickness.

The Rams will be strong (pardon the pun) at center with Rich

Strong, a powerful 6-9, 225-pound senior who was second team All-WAC last year as he led the team in a rare triple—scoring (13.3), rebounding (7.0) and assists (3.6). Strong will have to make an adjustment in the pivot after spending the last two seasons as a forward.

Also back is 6-3 soph guard David Turcotte (7.6 ppg, 2.4 assists), a former member of the Canadian Junior National team. McAndrews is looking for more consistent play from 6-2 senior guard John Dudley (5.5/2.1), a part-time starter last year, 6-7 soph forward Ron McCrary (3.4/1.9), and 6-6 soph forward Barry Bailey (2.3/2.0).

Instant help could come from top recruit Todd Graf, an exciting 6-8 forward from Richmond, Ind. Other newcomers who should provide depth are 6-3 Anthony Goodrum, 6-7 forward

Pat Durham, and 5-11 Terry Talley.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Colorado State, which hasn't put together a string of three straight winning seasons since '70-'72, will be up-tempo and relentless on defense with fullcourt pressure. However, they won't be able to find enough inside scoring punch to be anything more than a darkhorse candidate in the WAC. Strong is a good one, but he won't be able to do it alone, as the Rams must find some outside shooting to go with his inside strength.

# Brigham Young (15-14)

Starters Returning—1 Schedule—Above Avg.

What can you say about a team that lost its top three scorers—including the WAC Player of the Year—and top two rebounders? For starters, you can say the team is in serious trouble. You can also say it will have a new look.

Coach Ladell Anderson will have some major retooling to do at Brigham Young. He was counting on help from Chris Nikchevich, but the senior guard who would have been the leading returning scorer at 6.8 per game dropped out of school. The loss of Nikchevich puts added pressure on 6-5 guard Richie Webb (3.8/1.2), the only senior on the squad. Soph 6-9 forward Alan Pollard (7.7/6.5) and junior 6-10 center Tom Gneiting (6.3/6.0) were part-time starters while 6-6 soph forward Jeff Chatman (3.9/4.1) saw a lot of playing time last year.

Two of the three incoming junior college transfers come from Dixie College, the NJCAA National Championship Team—6-9 Brent Stephenson, one of the most highly recruited players in Utah, and 6-5 All-America Averian Parrish, the MVP at the national tournament. Greg Humphreys, a 6-7 forward from Snow College, played in the same league with Stephenson and Parrish and was the top scorer with 25.9 points an outing. The three JC players will be welcome additions.

Anderson is also making room for two high school recruits who will figure in BYU's future. They are 6-5 guard Mark Heslop, an outstanding all-around athlete at Ogden High School, and 6-7 Chris Rasmussen from Montana's Butte High School. A mission returnee, 6-4 junior guard Bob Capener, will

also be vying for a job at guard.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cougars will be working with a new mixture of players and that means they will be consistently inconsistent. They must find some scoring punch, plus some better foul shooting which cost them dearly in several tight losses in '84-'85. This is a mystery team because of so many untested newcomers, but BYU could make some noise in the conference if Anderson can come up with the right combination of players.

## Hawaii (10-18)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Color the Rainbows black and blue in '85-'86 because they will be taking a lot of beatings. Frank Arnold, the former Brigham Young coach, returns to the game after a two-year absence. He may not like what he sees at Hawaii.

Arnold will be starting all over with a young team that will be built around the versatile talents of 6-4 guard Andre Morgan, who must supply leadership in addition to scoring points. A deadly outsider shooter, Morgan popped in 16.4 points a game last year. The only veterans to go with Morgan are 6-6 forward Anthony Jones (8.5 ppg) and a pair of reserves—guards Kenny Walker (6.0) and Jim Gaule (2.7). Jones and Walker are both

hot-and-cold shooters, and Gaule, a steady performer, appears likely to inherit the chores at point guard.

The Rainbows will have a lot of newcomers to work into the lineup with six junior-college transfers and three freshmen ready and willing to join the action.

The top new recruits appear to be freshman Billy Bolds, a 6-7 jumper who found his way to the islands all the way from Philadelphia, where he averaged 17 points and 12 rebounds at Franklin High School; 6-8 John Jorgenson (13.2 ppg) of Colby (Kan.) Community College; and 6-5 Steve Lifford, a 20-point scorer from South Plains (Tex.) CC. Also expected to make an immediate contribution is 6-4 guard Jerald Wrightsil, who poured in 20.3 points per game last year at Mercer (NJ) CC.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Hawaii is a great place for visiting teams who will feast on the Rainbows, a squad that lacks size and strength. The Rainbows will be fun to watch as long as Morgan keeps poppin' from way out, but with so many new faces they will have a hard time keeping out of the basement of the conference.

# Air Force (8-20)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Flyboys are sky-high after a fast finish in '84-'85 and under Coach Reggie Minton, all systems are go for the '85-'86 campaign. Although Minton's record in his first season was just 8-20, the Falcons began to soar after they took off their shackles and started having fun running up and down the court.

Minton installed a fastbreak attack, a far cry from years past when Air Force plodded up and down the floor. Now it's shoot first and ask questions later. Minton is optimistic his second season will produce a few more victories because he welcomes back six of the top seven gunners from last year, led by 6-4 senior forward Maurice McDonald, a three-year starter and outstanding leaper who pumped in 12.6 points per game while hitting a team-high 48 percent from the field. He is also the top returning rebounder with 4.8 boards a game.

The backcourt is solid with 6-2 senior Todd Beer, three-year starter, and 6-1 senior Mike Edwards (7.0 ppg, 3.1 rebounds), the team's most improved player last year. Beer, called the "Man with the Plan" is a crafty playmaker who handed out 3.4 assists a game in addition to pumping in 8.4 points per tilt.

Underneath, the load will fall on the broad shoulders of 6-5 senior Jim Gulsvig (7.5/4.0). The 215-pound Gulsvig is a strong rebounder with good inside moves who isn't afraid to mix it with the big boys. He should increase his production this season after playing just about 20 minutes a game last year.

The only real question is at center, where the Falcons come up short. Their tallest player on the roster is 6-7 senior John Miller, who played sparingly in '84-'85 and averaged less than a point and rebound a game. For height, the Falcons have 6-6 soph Matt Sobolewski, 6-6 junior Scott Warren and 6-6 junior Stephen Miller.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Air Force would like to run at the drop of a basketball, but it's hard to run without the ball. Rebounding will again be a problem for the smallish Falcons, who don't have anyone to match the tall timber in the rest of the WAC. They will run and gun and score a lot of points, but the best they can hope for is a break-even season.

# WCAC

# Pepperdine (23-9)

Starters Returning—5 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Waves are on a roll, washing aside opponents in the WCAC with ease. They've won or shared the league title four of the past five seasons and swept to the championship in '84-'85 with an 11-1 record. The awards keep piling up for Jim Harrick, who was named the Coach of the Year for the third time in four seasons.

Pepperdine will again be the class of the WCAC, with five

starters back, including conference Player of the Year Dwayne Polee. The 6-6 senior guard averaged 15.7 points and 3.5 rebounds per game last year and was second on the team with 152 assists and 46 steals. All-WCAC performers Eric White and Anthony Frederick also return from the high-scoring '84-'85 squad. White, a 6-8 junior forward, was the fourth leading scorer in the WCAC at 15.9, the second best rebounder at 9.2 and the leader in field goal percentage with a 54.6 mark.

The 6-7 Frederick, a senior forward, is a steady player who scored at an 11.8 clip and averaged 7.2 rebounds. Joining Polee in the backcourt is 5-11 senior Jon Korfas, a 12.2 scorer and the team leader last season with 177 assists and 49 thefts. The center is 6-7 Levy Middlebrooks (10.3/6.4), the WCAC

Freshman of the Year.

The talent doesn't stop when Harrick inserts his reserves. The "sixth man" is 6-8 senior Dave Brittain (5.7/3.5), a solid role

player who does his job in a workmanlike fashion.

The key newcomers are 6-11 junior center Mike Burns, a transfer from Mesa Community College, 6-2 freshman Craig Davis, and 6-7 forward Dexter Howard, the San Francisco prep

player of the year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It would be foolish to bet against Jim Harrick's troops. They seem to have it all - experience, shooting, rebounding and a tenacious defense. They should continue to gather trophies and league awards. A trip to the NCAA Tournament should be considered a part of the

# Loyola Marymount (11-16)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—4

Are there enough basektballs to go around at Loyola? That may be the biggest problem facing whoever is the head coach of the Lions. Jimmy Lynam was going to be that new coach, but he quit in June to accept an assistant's job with the Philadelphia 76ers.

Loyola will feature the past two WCAC scoring champions Keith Smith and Forrest McKenzie. Smith, a 6-3 senior guard, scored at a 25.1 pace to rank eighth in the nation in '84-'85. Smith, who also led the Lions with 152 assists and 46 thefts, scored 20 or more points in 23 games and is the secondleading returning scorer in the nation. Smith fell one assist shy of becoming the first player in WCAC history to lead the conference in both scoring and assists in the same season.

The Lions will spread the scoring around more in '85-'86 with the return of McKenzie, a 6-7 forward who redshirted last year due to an eligibility problem after an all-conference performance in '83-'84. Two years ago, McKenzie scored 20.9 points a game while shooting a respectable 48 percent from the field.

Smith and McKenzie, the league's most fearsome twosome, will join three other returning starters, all sophomores. The young lions are 6-1 guard Steve Haney (13.1 ppg), the team's second assist leader with 64; 6-6 forward Mike Yoest (5.9/4.0) and 6-6 forward Mark Armstrong (4.9/4.5).

Making his presence felt at center will be 6-9 junior Vic Laz-

zaretti, a transfer from Marquette.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The firepower is there to power Loyola to the WCAC championship. They will be tough to handle with Smith and McKenzie scaring opponents from all angles on the court. The only flaw in an otherwise bright picture is the rebounding, which was weak last year. The Lions will have to get the ball off the boards more often to take advantage of their offensive weapons.

# Portland (14-14)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning-4

Jack Avina, entering his 16th season as the Portland head coach, plans to put his Pilots in overdrive in '85-'86. No more snail's pace up and down the floor. The Pilots are going to run ... and run ... and run.

The new-look Pilots will have a facelift in style but will put a lot of familiar people on the court. They have four seniors in the starting lineup, led by 6-4 Fred Harris, a solid backcourter who averaged 9.2 points per game last year. Filling out the backcourt will be 6-4 Dwayne Corbitt (6.4 ppg), the top returning assist man with 62. However, the Pilots were hurt in '84-'85 because they didn't have a true point guard and there doesn't

seem to be anyone on roster ready to accept that role this

Portland may be a little quicker with the infusion of new blood at guard with 6-4 redshirt soph Greg Attaway and 6-0 freshman Thomas Thompson ready to speed things up.

The forwards will again be 6-8 Dan Hunt (6.9/4.9) and 6-6 Tony Havior (5.2/3.1). Avina is looking for more production from Hunt and Havior, neither of whom has flashed the ability to hit the perimeter jumper. Two newcomers are being counted on for outside scoring - 6-9 freshman Rich Antee from Pius X High School in Los Angeles and 6-7 frosh Jarvis Helaire from Compton High School in California.

The only experienced pivotman on the team is 6-10 senior James Van Ness, who isn't very mobile and must boost his scoring (4.8) and rebounding (4.7) to give the Pilots some

punch in the middle.

Avina might resort to using three guards this year to get

more scoring and movement in the attack.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Without a top playmaker to guide the ship, the Pilots are a team without a pilot. They want to pick up the tempo, but they don't have the man at the point to make things happen. They are experienced and hard working, but that won't make up for the lack of team speed and erratic outside shooting. Look for Portland to be lucky to finish in the middle of the pack in the WCAC.

# San Diego (16-11)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning — 3

Hank Egan's San Diego Toreros are strong up the middle with center Scott Thompson and point guard Kiki Jackson. It's

the other three positions that are unsettled.

Bigger has proved to be better for Thompson, an improving 7-0 junior who has bulked up his weight and statistics since he came to San Diego. Thompson, who added 30 pounds since his freshman days and now weighs in at a muscular 260, was an All-WCAC choice in '84-'85 as he scored at an 11.1 clip, gathered 6.7 reebs and shot 55.5 percent from the field. Thompson is the man the Toreros look to in the tough situa-

It is Jackson's job to get the ball to Thompson. The 6-1 senior handed out 67 assists last year, highest among the returnees, and scored 9.1 points per outing. The only other veteran on hand is 6-7 junior Nils Madden, who is expected to

improve his scoring (4.3) and rebounding (4.3).

San Diego has two big holes to fill, but Egan is optimistic that he has the personnel available to do the job. Mark Bostic, a 6-4 senior guard, sat out last season with a broken ankle after averaging 10.2 points as a starter in '83-'84. Bostic will add quickness and defense to the lineup. The Toreros expect contributions from 6-9 soph forward Jim Pelton, a transfer from Kansas who is an aggressive rebounder.

Other key newcomers include a pair of junior college transfers - 6-2 guard Paul Leonard and 6-6 forward Mark

Manor.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: If Scott Thompson continues his rapid growth as a quality big man, he could carry San Diego a long way on his broad shoulders. Thompson is the key. The Toreros don't have a lot of proven players around Thompson, who has emerged as a force underneath. They must find an outside shooting threat to take the pressure off Thompson and keep defenses from collapsing inside. All told, San Diego has the potential to be a prime contender in the WCAC.

# Santa Clara (20-9)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule-Above Avg.

After three straight 20-win seasons and consecutive trips to the NIT, Santa Clara's Broncos will fall back to the pack in the WCAC. Not that the cupboard is completely bare, but Coach Carroll Williams will have to come up with people to pick up the slack for the loss of Nick Vanos and Harold Keeling, a pair of high NBA draft picks.

The burden falls on several players, particularly 6-5 senior point guard Steve Kenilvort, who is being counted on to raise his 6.6 scoring average. Kenilvort, an NIT All-Star, was the man who put the Broncos in gear, setting the table by dishing off an average of 4.7 assists, the third best total in Bronco history. The shooting guard will probably be 6-2 senior Ken Mulkey (2.8/0.9), who needs playing time to recapture his touch. The Broncos have a flock of players ready and willing to move in — 6-5 freshman redshirt Mitch Burley, back at full strength after hurting his knee before the '84-'85 season; 6-2 junior Uwe Sauer (2.1/0.2), 6-2 soph Chris Lnae; and 6-5 frosh David Aaron, a dazzling 25.2-point scorer at West High School in Torrance, California.

The frontline will have a different look without the hulking 7-2 Vanos in the middle. The Broncos will be considerably smaller with 6-9 soph Dan Weiss (3.9/3.1), who started the last 18 games at power forward, moving over to center. The middle will be crowded with applicants with 6-9 junior Darrin Underwood, an agile big man who can block shots, 6-10 freshman Nils Becker from West Germany, and 6-11 frosh Karl Larsen.

The forwards are a mystery group because the best of the lot is 6-8 junior Matt Wilgenbush, who is capable of leading the Broncos in scoring but has been limited by a chronic back problem. Williams is pinning his hopes on 6-9 Jens-Uwe Gordon, a rapidly improving youngster who developed into one of Northern California's top prep players by the end of last year as he averaged 21 points and 17 rebounds at Bishop O'Dowd High in Oakland.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: For a change, Santa Clara isn't picked to be a dominant force in the WCAC race. The Broncos have too many questions to be answered up front and Carroll Williams' squad faces a rebuilding campaign of major proportions. A winning season would have to be considered a success.

## San Francisco (0-0)

Starters Returning-0 Schedule-Above Avg.

The slate has been wiped clean at San Francisco, which dropped its basketball program three years ago in the face of intense pressure from an investigation by the NCAA. The job of reviving the once-proud program has been handed to Jim Brovelli.

This is a mystery team because the Dons have an all-new cast. They have no returning starters or lettermen because they didn't have a team in '84-'85. What they have is 15 different players from 15 different programs. There is only one senior on the entire squad, 5-10 point guard Jimmy Giron.

Heading the list of "newcomers" is 6-8 freshman forward Mark McCathrion, a 14-point scorer from Oakland who was the third-ranked player on the "Best in the West" list. Brovelli has brought in a promising freshman class that will have an oppor-

tunity to play right away.

The top prospect at guard is 5-10 Robbie Grigsby, a 23.8 scorer and 63 percent shooter who is a two-time all-city player from San Francisco. Others expected to help immediately are 6-5 swingman Darrell Walker, a two-time all-city choice from Long Beach; 6-2 junior Rodney Tention, an all-state guard from Grossmont Junior College in Southern California; 6-2 guard Bill Carr; 6-6 forward Steve Hill; 6-7 center Ken Ramierz; 6-11 junior center Peter Reitz, a transfer from Idaho; and 6-6 freshman forward Michael Franti.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: San Francisco is an unknown quantity in the WCAC because the Dons don't have a track record. Jim Brovelli is a proven winner so it's reasonable to expect him to mold a competitive club in '85-'86. It will take time for all the players to get used to each other, but by the end of the year the Dons might be ready to pull a few surprises. The return to glory, however, is a long way off.

# Gonzaga (15-13)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

Freshmen will be asked to shoulder much of the load in '85-'86 as the Bulldogs, always a gritty band of defenders, try to keep their streak of winning seasons alive. Dan Fitzgerald, returning to be the head coach after a four-year absence, faces an uphill battle with the young Bulldogs.

The string of seven straight winning seasons should be snapped because the Bulldogs don't have any proven players in the frontcourt. The backcourt returns intact with 6-3 senior

Jeff Condill (10.5/2.7), a feisty leader who topped the Bulldogs with 90 assists and 36 steals, and 6-0 senior Dwan Hurt (5.2/1.5). After those two come a trio of freshmen—6-0 Darryle My, 6-3 Doug Spradley, and 6-3 Paul Walker.

There will be plenty of vacancies up front with the leading candidates to fill them being 6-9 junior redshirt Roger Bock and 6-8 junior redshirt Dale Haaland. Both are physical guys

who are the kind of players Fitzgerald likes.

Newcomers expected to make an immediate impact are 6-4

frosh forward Jim McPhee, the Washington state AAA scoring leader last year with his 26.6 scoring mark, and 6-5 junior Steve Fedler, a transfer from North Idaho Junior College.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Gonzaga, which has led the WCAC in defense four of the past six years, will have to muster all the defense it can to stay out of the cellar. The lineup has so many holes it looks like a piece of swiss cheese. At least Fitzgerald won't have to worry about his athletic director breathing down his neck. He is the AD.

# St. Mary's (15-12)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.
Coach Bill Oates will have to introduce his players to each

other because there will be so many new faces on the squad.
Half of the players on the roster aren't old enough to vote.

Youth will be served at St. Mary's, which has seven freshmen on the team. The newcomers bring in excellent credentials, but it's impossible to predict how well they'll make the leap from high school to college. The most exciting rookie is 6-5 forward Curtis Williams, a great leaper from Compton, California, who was the one-on-one champion at the Superstars Camp last summer. Robert Haugen, a 6-7 freshman forward with the ability to score inside and outside, registered 22.6 points and 13.0 rebounds per game and was the Oregon AA Player of the Year.

The other freshmen who could be heard from are 6-7 Mark Walton, 6-6 David Thomas, 7-0 Randy Gil, 5-10 Matt Bair, and

5-10 David Carter.

The Gaels are set at guard with 6-0 senior Darryl Smith (5.6 ppg) and 6-2 junior Paul Robertson (8.7 ppg), the top returning assist man with 61. The only veterans up front are 6-9 soph center Scott Mayer (2.5/2.9), a seldom-used reserve last year, and 6-8 soph forward Keith Martin (2.4/1.4).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's not much reason for optimism at St. Mary's. The Gaels are young and untested and they don't have a legitimate scoring threat in the lineup. Unless a host of newcomers come along strong, St. Mary's will be hardpressed to win many games. The fall from prominence will be a long drop for the Gaels.

# P.C.A.A.

# Nevada-Las Vegas (28-4)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Above Avg.

The Runnin' Rebels have been the best bet in Las Vegas since Jerry Tarkanian made his first trip down the Strip 12 years ago. If you want to pick a winner, put your money on Tarkanian and the Rebels. It's a sure thing.

With a winning percentage of .810, Tarkanian ranks No. 1 on the victory list of active coaches on the major college level. The '84-'85 campaign was another masterpiece for the Tark, whose Rebels captured their third straight PCAA regularseason championship and reached the NCAA Far West

Regionals

Only a fool—or a loser—would wager against the rebels making it four titles in a row in '85-'86. The talent is there and Tark certainly knows how to handle talent. The All-America candidate this year is Anthony Jones, the fluid 6-6 senior swingman who ranked high in all team categories last year—second in scoring (13.3), fourth in rebounding (4.3), third in assists (105), second in steals (53), and third in blocked shots (24).

Joining Jones in the backcourt is quick-silver Fred Banks, a 6-2 junior who scored at a 12.6 clip and was the PCAA's top assist man with 5.8 per contest. Providing the Rebels with reliable backup help at guard will be 6-3 junior Gary Graham (2.5/1.9), 5-11 junior Mark Wade, a transfer from El Camino Junior College, and 5-11 red-shirt senior John Welch.

The frontcourt will feature 6-8 junior forward Armon Gilliam (11.9/6.8), the second most accurate shooter in the PCAA with a field goal percentage of .636, and 6-9 soph center Richard Robinson (5.2/4.3), a member of the PCAA All-Freshman squad. The frontline will be bolstered by the return of 6-9 senior John Flowers, who sat out last season with an alling back after averaging 7.1 points and 4.5 rebounds two years ago. A healthy Eldridge Hudson would also be a plus. The 6-7 junior forward managed to score 4.5 points a game last year despite playing on a reconstructed left knee that has severely limited his mobility.

A pair of JUCO transfers will push the veterans up front, 6-10

David Willard and 6-8 Jarvis Basnight.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Runnin' Rebels are always a crowd-pleasing team the way they push the ball up the court and take it to the basket. But Las Vegas plays some pretty hard-nosed defense, too. Tarkanian is a coach who doesn't accept anything but the best from his players, and their best should be good enough to bring another PCAA championship to Las Vegas. Bet on it.

# Utah St (17-11)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Above Avg.

Over the past six years the Utah State Aggies have developed a pretty solid basketball program, annually challenging for honors in the competitive PCAA. Rewarded for his work, Rod Tueller will be more than just the head coach. He has added another title next to his name — Athletic Director.

A familiar name will be back in '85-'86 to lead the Aggies — 6-7 senior forward Greg Grant, possibly the best unknown player in the West, maybe the country. A first-team All-Conference selection last year when he averaged 19.4 points and 9.5 rebounds a game, Grant has been a fixture in the starting lineup the past three seasons. He is a three-time MVP for Utah State and should be considered a legitimate All-America candidate this season. Grant, an all-around performer, led the Aggies in field goal percentage (.536), steals (59) and blocked shots (36) and was third in assists (75).

Grant will be surrounded by a cast of new faces in '85-'86, with the only other returning starter being 6-7 forward Bill Floyd, who is expected to raise last year's averages of 9.0 points and 3.1 boards per contest. Like Grant, Floyd is an outstanding shooter, connecting on 75 percent of his free

throws and 51.9 of his attempts from the field.

The remainder of the starting lineup will probably be filled by newcomers — 6-8 soph Danny Conway, 6-6 soph Jon Judkins, and 6-9 junior Mike Johnson. Conway, a church mission returnee, was redshirted in '83-'84 and will have to wipe away the rust of inactivity before he is ready to regain his old form. Judkins should help immediately after averaging 14 points and 10 rebounds a game at Dixie Junior College and Johnson brings good numbers from Utah Tech JC, where he scored 15 a game and pulled down 10.2 reebs per outing.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Aggles may be able to manage a winning record with Grant and Lloyd around, but they will drop a notch to the middle of the pack in the PCAA. They have been hurt hard by graduation, with a lot of holes in the lineup. Grant's a good one who will keep the Aggles in the thick of things, but Tueller doesn't have enough horses to go with his thoroughbred. The 1985-86 campaign won't be one of

Tueller's better years.

# Fresno St (23-9)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Above Avg.

A dynasty has been quietly building up on the West Coast without hardly anyone outside of Fresno taking notice. Since Boyd Grant became the head coach eight years ago, the Fresno State Bulldogs have posted a 179-59 record that includes three PCAA championships, three trips to the NCAA

Tournament and two appearances in the NIT (they won the '82-'83 NIT).

There's one common thread that weaves through the fabric of all of Boyd's teams—defense. The Bulldogs love to play defense, and they've played it better than anyone in the nation four times in the last eight years. And the Bulldogs love to play at Selland Arena, affectionately called "Grant's Tomb," where they're nearly unbeatable with a 101-12 record the last five seasons.

Boyd faces one of his most extensive rebuilding jobs in '85-'86 because the Bulldogs have only two starters back from last year's 23-9 club that reached the quarterfinals of the NIT. The returnees are 6-8 senior forward Jos Kuipers, who pushed his averages up to 11.6 points and 4.2 rebounds per game with a late-season rush, and 6-8 senior center Fred Emerson (4.3/2.3). Emerson started the final 13 games last year and the Bulldogs went 10-3.

The battle for the starting forward position oposite Kuipers will be intense, involving 6-6 senior Brian Salone, 6-6 freshman Jervis Cole, 6-6 freshman red-shirt Derrick Barden, and 6-6 freshman swingman Mike Mitchell. Backing up Emerson in the post will be 6-9 senior Mark Gustin and 6-9 freshman Greg Peters.

The Bulldogs are hurting in the backcourt, where Grant is looking for help from 6-5 senior Kenny Cook (2.9/2.1), 6-4 senior Marvin Carter (1.4/1.4) and 5-10 soph transfer Leo Walker.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Fresno State will be hardpressed to extend its streak of 20-win seasons to six in '85-'86. Inexperience in the backcourt will be a problem, but you can never discount the Buildogs because of the sticky defense they play. Even in a retooling year, Fresno State will make things unpleasant for PCAA rivals.

# Fullerton St (17-13)

Starters Returning-2

Schedule-Average

Among PCAA schools, Fullerton State was hit hardest by graduation with the loss of three starters, including Tony Neal, a four-year regular and the school's all-time leading rebounder. But don't feel too sorry for the Titans because Coach George McQuarn has brought in some excellent junior college talent to go with a nucleus of solid returning players.

Fullerton State, seeking its fifth straight record above .500, will build its attack around the multi-talents of 6-4 senior Kevin Henderson, the team's top scorer at 17.3 points a game and an All-PCAA first team selection. Switched to point guard at midseason, Henderson emerged as a clever ballhandler as he paced the Titans with four assists per contest. A full season at the point should help Henderson become a full-fledged star on the West Coast.

The only returning starter up front is 6-8 senior Kerry Boagni, who came on strong after becoming eligible in late December. A transfer from Kansas, Boagni scored at an 11.7 clip and was the No. 3 rebounder with 4.0 boards an outing. The newcomer expected to make the biggest impact is Ron Barnes, a 6-9, 240-pound junior from Independence Junior College. The beefy center controls the lane with his physical play. Although he needs work on his offensive skills, Barnes is a terror on defense as a rebounder and shot-blocker.

A probable starter at power forward is 6-7 junior Maurice Smith, who averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds at Barton County CC and led Kansas JC players in rebounding. Holdovers who could contribute on the frontline are Vincent Blow and Henry Turner. The Titans are looking for help from 6-7 soph forward Tee Williamson, a transfer from Arizona State.

There will be a scramble for the off-guard position next to Henderson with the top candidates being part-time starter Eugene Jackson (2.9/0.6), sixth-man Richard Morton (5.7/1.7) and junior college transfer Alexander Hamilton.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Titans are a little down this year, but don't expect them to fall too far down the ladder in the PCAA. This team is going to get better as the season progresses and by March could be dangerous. The Titans have enough talent to stay on the plus side of the ledger.

# New Mexico St (7-20)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—2

Neil McCarthy has been given the job of rebuilding New Mexico State's basketball program, which has fallen on hard times of late. The Aggies haven't given their loyal fans much to cheer about the last two seasons with records of 13-15 and

While New Mexico State was facing lean times, McCarthy was fattening up his record at Weber State, where he posted a gaudy 200-98 record in 10 seasons that included five appearances in post-season tournaments.

McCarthy's first task will be to find some support for 6-5 senior guard Gilbert Wilburn, the most prolific scorer in the PCAA last year with a 23.6 per game average. He also pulled down 6.6 boards a contest. It didn't take long for Wilburn to establish himself after he became eligible in mid-season. There's no telling what he'll do now that he knows the system.

The only other returning starter is 6-7 senior forward Orlando Febres, the team's "Iron Horse" last year, when he played 38 minutes a game. He averaged 10.1 points and 5.2 rebounds and was third on the club with 13 blocked shots and 29 steals.

The Aggies are looking for a major contribution from 6-7 senior forward Elston Jones, who averaged 10.6 points and 5.7 boards in a starting role last year before a broken bone in his right foot ended his season after just nine games. Also expected to help is Wendell Wright, a 6-4 junior forward who sat out last season with academic problems after scoring 13.9 points a game two years ago.

The biggest Aggie is 6-9 junior Brian Soistman, a transfer from Wyoming who will become eligible at mid-season. The battle for positions on the frontline will include 6-6 soph Pat Coash (3.2/2.4), a part-time starter last year; 6-8 freshman Steve McGlothin, an all-stater from California; 6-6 junior Pierre Smith, who averaged 25.8 points, 10.2 rebounds and 4.0 assists a game for College of the Desert; and 6-8 freshman Johnny Roberson, a blue-chipper from San Antonio.

A couple of JUCO transfers will bolster the backcourt, 6-3

soph Virgil Harris and 6-2 junior Kenny Travis.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: This is a mystery team because there are so many new people. But one thing is for sure, the Aggies will be able to put the ball in the basket. McCarthy's uptempo style will suit the Aggies, who rely on quickness to overcome their lack of size. If the Aggles can stay healthy and the transfers come through in style, they could be the surprise team in the PCAA.

# Cal-Irvine (14-17)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—4

The Anteaters are standing tall in '85-'86 with the twin towers, the biggest and best pair of big men anywhere on the West Coast-6-11 Johnny Rogers and 6-10 Todd Murphy. They are big, they are strong, and they are agile.

Cal-Irvine suffered through a disappointing year in '84-'85 that never seemed to get untracked after Coach Bill Mulligan suffered a mild stroke before the season that sidelined him for six weeks. The Anteaters started 0-3 and didn't recover in time to avoid having their string of winning seasons snapped at five.

Mulligan is healthy and so are his Anteaters, who have the nucleus of a championship team in Rogers and Murphy. Rogers, an agile forward with a deft shooting touch from longrange, averaged 21.7 points, 7.4 rebounds and 1.8 blocked shots to earn second-team All-PCAA honors. The best outside shooter on the squad, Rogers roams from the three-point range to the paint depending on his mood. The 6-10 Murphy is also an unusual big man because he runs the court like a guard and has the soft hands of a tight end. A first-team All-PCAA selection, Murphy scored at a 19.2 clip and hauled in 9.6 boards a contest.

Also returning up front are 6-6 senior forward Troy Carmon (10.9/5.6), 6-8 soph Wayne Engelstad (6.5/4.7), a 61 percent shooter from the floor and a member of the PCAA All-Freshman team, and 6-11 senior Rick Ciaccio (1.4/2.7). Mulligan went out and recruited a trio of highly recruited players who could push the veterans, 6-8 junior Tarre Islah of

Riverside City College, 6-9 soph Michael Doktorczyk of Los Angeles Harbor CC, and 6-7 freshman guard Rob Doktorczyk, Michael's younger brother.

The battle for jobs in the backcourt promises to be fierce with part-time starters 6-2 soph Rodney Scott (3.4 ppg, 2.9 assists) and 5-10 soph Brian Williams (4.1 ppg, 5.1 assists) challenged by a pair of transfers. JoJo Buchanan, a 6-2 junior who started two years ago at Notre Dame, and 5-11 soph Mike Hess, a former starter at Texas, will contend for the job at point quard.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Anteaters are ready and able to claim the role of contender in the PCAA. The frontline is the most talented and productive in the West and the newcomers will provide depth. The backcourt remains a question, but the transfers are proven players who have done the job elsewhere. A 20-win season could be just the beginning for the ambitious Anteaters.

# San Jose St (16-13)

Schedule-Above Avg. Starters Returning—3

With three starters returning plus a crop of promising newcomers, San Jose State's Spartans are taking a positive

outlook for the upcoming campaign.

Coach Bill Berry is basing his optimism on the fact that the young Spartans will get better with a year's experience. The foundation for the future of the program is Reggie Owens, a bruising 6-6 soph forward who averaged 11.7 points and 8.1 rebounds and was the PCAA Freshman of the Year and a second-team All-PCAA selection.

In addition to Owens, the Spartans return 6-1 guard Ward Farris (12.8/4.3), the team's primary perimeter threat last year, and 6-6 junior Stony Evans (11.6/6.6), a bullish rebounder who

was the league's top rookle two years ago.

The holes in the lineup that Berry must fill are at center and point guard. Gone are Matt Fleming, last year's leading scorer, and playmaker Michael Dixon, the school's all-time assist leader. The leading candidate to fill one of the openings is 6-9 Ricky Berry, the coach's son. The younger Berry, a versatile player, sat out last season after transferring from Oregon State, where he was a part-time starter. Also in contention for jobs up front are 6-9 senior Lance Wyatt (1.5/1.3), 6-8 soph redshirt Gerald Thomas, 6-8 junior Manfred Winter, a member of the West German junior national team, 6-5 junior George Puou (6.6/3.2) and 6-8 freshman Dietrich Waters.

Looking for more work in the backcourt will be 6-1 senior Ontario Johnson (5.9/2.9), who was a disappointment in '85-'86 after being the JUCO Player of the Year in California two years ago. Also expected to make a contribution are 6-2 senior Bobby Evans (1.7/0.8), 6-0 freshman Anthony Perry and 6-4

freshman Sean Newman.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Spartans will have another rugged rebounding team that will be tough to handle in the PCAA. They like to crash the boards at both ends of the court. San Jose State has inside scoring punch, but the outside shooting and playmaking are suspect. Bill Berry must find a shooter and a floor leader if the Spartans hope to challenge for PCAA honors in '85-'86.

# Santa Barbara (12-16)

Starters Returning-5 Schedule-Above Avg.

Santa Barbara, once the laughing stock of the PCAA, has taken huge strides under Jerry Pimm, who has injected the basketball program with new enthusiasm and a new attitude.

To illustrate how low Santa Barbara's fortunes had sunk, last year's 12 victories were the most since '78-'79 and the last time the Gauchos won eight games in the conference was '72-'73. With all the starters returning, Santa Barbara can look forward to '85-'86 with unbridled enthusiasm.

The guts of Santa Barbara's offense the past two seasons has been 6-7 senior forward Scott Fisher, a blue-collar player who rarely gets attention but led the team in scoring (14.6) and rebounding (7.8) in '84-'85. An All-PCAA second-team choice, Fisher made 53.5 percent of his shots from the floor. Pairing with Fisher at the other forward spot will be 6-7 junior Khris Fortson (11.1/5.4), whose .665 shooting percentage topped the

league. It's not surprising that Fortson shoots so well when you consider that he was credited with 24 slam dunks.

The leader in the backcourt is rangy 6-7 senior Conner Henry, who averaged 13.2 points, 5.3 rebounds, and 4.6 assists a game despite playing with an injured knee that forced him to miss six games. Pimm is hopeful that a healthy Henry means a better-shooting Henry. Last year, Henry made only 41.7 percent of his attempts. Another valuable player for the Gauchos is 6-3 senior swingman Mauryo Carr, who came on after a slow start to register 10.5 points and 4.7 boards a game.

The Gauchos have an abundance of experienced players, all of whom are itching for more minutes this year. Pushing the starters at guard will be 6-5 junior Tim DePriest, a tenacious defender and 4.8 scorer, and 6-2 junior Richard Townsend (8.1 ppg), a part-time starter and zone-buster. Up front, 6-8 senior Bruce Hannan (3.9/2.6) could push his way into the picture.

A pair of red-shirt freshmen are also expected to make immediate contributions, 6-10 John Westbeld and 6-7 Richard Carr. Incoming freshmen 6-0 Carlton Davenport and 6-8 Greg

Trygstad could provide some insurance.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Jerry Pimm's trademark is a fast-break team that plays tough man-to-man defense. The Gauchos can do both well enough to push themselves into a contending position in the PCAA. This is a team that has the talent to finally put to rest all those jokes about Santa Barbara's basketball program. If luck is on their side this year, the Gauchos could win as many as 18 games.

## Long Beach St (4-23)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule-Above Avg.

Ron Palmer spent most of last season wondering why he ever left the safe high school ranks to become the head coach of the 49ers. Life certainly changed in a hurry for Palmer, who wasn't used to losing. At Long Beach Poly High School, his

teams won nearly 85 percent of its games.

Palmer's first season at Long Beach State was a disaster because the 49ers were crushed off the boards, unable to stay with the physically stronger clubs in the PCAA. Palmer and his staff realized that the 49ers needed bigger bodies, so they went out and brought in the beef-four recruits who stand taller than 6-9 and weigh more than 220 pounds. If nothing else, the 49ers won't be the weakling of the league in '85-'86.

The biggest newcomer is Mike Pille, a 7-1, 250-pound prospect out of Worthington High School In Ohio. Pille is not yet a polished player, but Palmer called him a "project" who could develop into an intimidating big man in a couple of years. While Pille may take a little time to develop, 6-9 junior Aaron Combs, a transfer from Southern Idaho College, could make some noise in '85-'86. The other new big people expected to challenge for playing time are 6-8 junior transfer Stephen Hamlin, 6-9 freshman John Hatten, 6-5 freshman Demetrius Lafitte, 6-9 soph JUCO transfer Jeff Nolan, and 6-5 freshman Andre Purry.

The returning veterans will have a hard time keeping the recruits out of the lineup. The top holdovers up front are 6-10 soph DeAnthony Langston (7.6/4.1) and 6-6 soph Jeff Eastin (1.9/1.8). The backcourt will be manned by 5-11 soph Billy Walker (4.0 ppg, 86 assists) and 6-3 soph Morlon Wiley (5.8 ppg,

78 assists).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Long Beach State will be bigger and better this year with the influx of some tall and talented newcomers. Palmer's task will be to mix and match the veterans with the recruits to form a winning combo. The newcomers are expected to help off the boards, an area that was weak last season. Improvement is a sure-bet, but whether the 49ers can reach .500 is questionable.

# Pacific (9-19)

Schedule-Average Starters Returning—4

At some places, winning nine games in a season would get

the alumni angry and the coach fired.

But at Pacific, nine wins in a season is reason for celebration. Last year, the Tigers won more games than any Pacific team since '80-'81 and with four starters back plus a good recruiting class they can optimistically hope to reach doublefigure wins in '85-'86.

Coach Tom O'Neill, who has suffered in his first four seasons at Pacific, is excited because his Tigers should be improved in two areas that were weak last year-shooting and defense. The return of 6-8 senior forward Rich Anema, the team's leading scorer two years ago, should help the Tigers in both areas. He appears to be fully recovered from a nagging back injury that sidelined him all of last year and part of the '83-'84 campaign. Also healthy is 6-5 senior forward Drew Rodgers, who missed much of last year with a broken finger.

Anchoring Pacific underneath will be 6-9 junior center Brent Counts, a two-year starter who averaged 7.3 points and 5.2 rebounds a game last year. Holger Feurst, a 6-11 freshman from Germany, could shore up the rebounding problems in a hurry. O'Neill has a lot of players competing for jobs at forward-6-5 soph Domingo Rosario (14.5/4.3), 6-5 junior Karlwin Matthews (4.7/4.3), and 6-5 soph Christian Gray (4.2/2.7). A pair of freshmen with impressive credentials could help immediately,

6-8 Leroy Ellis and 6-7 Willie Tatum.

The backcourt is solid with 6-0 junior playmaker Keyle Pepple (6.5/2.0), the school's fifth all-time leader in assists, and 6-5 soph James Ray Richardson (8.8/4.3), who joined Rosario on the All-PCAA Freshman team. For depth, the Tigers can count on 6-3 soph Roberto Modesto, 6-3 soph James Gleaves, 6-5 junior Dean Andretta, red-shirted last year with a broken foot,

and 6-2 junior Craig DuVal

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: For a change, Pacific's Tigers won't be a pushover in the PCAA. That doesn't mean they'll battle for the championship, but at least the other teams in the league won't consider them a breather. Pacific has some good athletes who can run the court, but they still don't have enough big people to make a really big jump in the PCAA. A .500 season is possible.

# Big Sky

## Montana (22-8)

Schedule - Average Starters Returning—4

The center of attention at Montana and the Big Sky is Larry Krystkowiak, a 6-9 senior who is rewriting school and conference record books. "Krysko," the only player ever named Big Sky Player of the Year two seasons in a row, has led the Grizzlies to three straight 20-win seasons.

"Krysko" has led the Big Sky in scoring and rebounding the past two years to become the first player to do so since Idaho State great Steve Hayes pulled off the rare double in the '74-'75 and '75-'76 seasons. "Krysko" averaged 21.1 points and 10.2 boards last year and ranked among the league leaders in field goal percentange (.593) and free throw

percentage (.838).

The Grizzlies will be more than just "Krysko" and Co. They have an intimidator in 6-10 senior Larry McBride (10.6/5.1), a shot-blocker supreme who swatted 66 last year to rank second in the Big Sky. Battling for jobs on the frontline will be returning veterans 6-5 John Boyd (4.4/3.1), 6-8 John Bates (2.2/1.1), and 6-9 Steve Vanek (1.9/1.6). Several newcomers will make their presence felt-6-9 freshman red-shirt Wayne Tinkle, 6-9

freshman Chance Peterson and 6-7 freshman Tom Lytle.
The backcourt remains unsettled with 6-4 senior John Boyd (4.4/3.1) and 6-0 senior Scott Zanon (6.3/1.0) given the inside track because of their experience. However, 6-2 Jeff Hughes, a sharp-shooting transfer

from Santa Ana Junior College, is expected to see a lot of playing time.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Grizzlies are loaded for bear, which is bad news for the rest of the Big Sky. "Krysko" and McBride are a potent duo up front, two-thirds of possibly the best frontline in the conference. Coach Mike Montgomery's team has the look of a champion.

# Nevada-Reno (21-10)

Starters Returning-2 Schedule-Average

The Pack has been the leader of the Big Sky conference the past two years and Sonny Allen has been named the Coach of the Year both times. The third try could prove to be lucky for both Allen and the Pack.

Graduation stripped the Pack of their leader, Curtis High, who scored over 500 points, dished off 149 assists and led the league in steals for the second stright year with 71. Without High, the burden in the backcourt will fall on 5-11 senior Rob Harden, a zone-buster who averaged 11.7 points a game. A deadly long-range bomber, Harden made a living from beyond the three-point line at 19 feet, nine inches. He rewrote the Big Sky record book in this department, connecting on 64 of 134 three-point attempts. Those figures are Big Sky single season and

career marks and his .488 percentage is also a league mark.

Up front, Nevada-Reno boasts steady 6-7 senior Dwayne Randall, the top returning scorer at 14.2 and the chairman of the boards last year with 8.6 per contest. Randall, an All-Big Sky selection, and Harden give the Pack a prolific Mr. Inside and Mr. Outside punch. Part-time starter Quintin Stephens (3.2/3.9), a 6-6 senior, will be challenged by a flock of newcomers for playing time.

The Pack will be boistered by four junior college transfers, three redshirts and a freshman. Coming from the JC ranks are 6-8 David Wood, 6-8 James Moore, 6-5 Tommie Barnes, and 6-1 Darnell Glenn. The redshirts who sat out last season and are expected to contribute in '85-'86 are 6-9 soph Van Beard, 6-5 soph Jim Hart and 6-7 junior Chris Rupp. The only freshman is Joey O'Conner, a 6-3 guard from Metuchen, NJ.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Three Big Sky titles in a row isn't out of

the question for the Pack, which takes advantage of the three-point rule and the 45-second clock. They like to push the ball up the court and Randall and Harden know what to do with it once they get it in their hands. The Pack can score and if the newcomers add muscle and depth up front they could be making another trip to the NCAA Tournament.

# Northern Arizona (17-12)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule-Average

If it's true that what's up front counts the most, the Lumberjacks, coming off their finest season in 15 years, should be in good shape to chase the coveted 20-win plateau this time around.

Jay Arnote, entering his third campaign as the head coach, has his inside game returning virtually intact but must fill gaping holes in the backcourt, which was decimated by graduation.

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The key for '85-'86 will be the play of 6-5 senior Andy Hurd, who needs just 300 points to become the school's all-time career scorer. Hurd, the teams top point-maker the past two years, averaged 15.4 points a game in '84-'85, picked off 4.6 rebounds and had 70 assists and 30 steals. A second-team Big Sky selection last year, Hurd shot .535 from the floor to rank among the leaders in the league.

The Lumberjacks have a wealth of big people to use up front-6-6 senior Andre Spencer (9.8/4.7); 6-7 senior Antwine Mutchinson (5.2/4.9), the team leader with 41 blocked shots; and 6-8 junior David Duane

(8.1/5.3).

Arnote will look to newcomers to help shore up the backline. The top candidates are 6-0 playmaker Anthony Ingram, who averaged nine points and six assists for McLennan (Tex.) Junior College, and red-shirt soph Stan Gatson, who scored at a 15.6 clip and dished out seven assists per game at Lakewood (Minn.) Junior College.

Also expected to help are a pair of talented freshmen, 6-8 forward Shawn Herman who helped El Dorado High School win the Nevada AAA state title, and 6-4 guard Scott Williams from Mullen High in Denver.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Lumberjacks are big, strong and experienced and ready to challenge for the top spot in the Big Sky. However, they will fall short if the new people don't fit in at guard. This is a team that needs a leader and improved outside shooting. This is also a basketball program on the way up.

# Weber St (20-9)

Starters Returning—0 Schedule—Above Avg.

Larry Farmer, who faced a "can't-win" situation at UCLA, finds

himself in a "can't-lose" position at Weber State.

At UCLA, where national championships were commonplace under John Wooden, the pressure to win was suffocating. Farmer's teams won nearly 75 percent of its games, but that didn't satisfy the win-crazy fans.

At Weber State, Farmer is inheriting a team that isn't expected to win anything. All of the starters, the top frontline reserve and a promising

freshman are gone from last year's 20-9 team.

Farmer replaced Neil McCarthy, who became the head coach at New Mexico State, leaving behind 200 career wins and four Big Sky championships. He left the cupboard pretty bare when he left. Farmer, who got a late start recruiting because he didn't get the job until late spring, dipped into the junior colleges to get players. Four of the six newcomers are JC products, led by 6-0 junior guard Robert Maxwell, a tough competitor with quick feet and hands who averaged 11.1 points and 3.4 assists for 35-1 Dixie College.

Three California JUCO players figure to play a prominent role for the Wildcats-6-4 Curtis Webster, 6-6 Walt Tyler and 6-8 Harry Willis. Two promising freshmen are 6-1 Steve Mills and 6-4 Craig Rydalch. Mills, a product of Hamilton High School in Los Angeles, scored 22.7 points a game and dealt out 6.2 assists. Rydalch, a superb all-around athlete, was the Utah Class A MVP in football (tight end) and basketball. At South Summit High School, he combined upper body strength and leaping ability to dazzle foes to the tune of 30.4 points, 13.1 rebounds and 7.2 assists per game,

The only holdover who gained much experience last year was Alan Campbell, a 6-4 senior who scored 7.8 points and grabbed 2.3 rebounds a game. The other veterans who saw limited action in '84-'85 are 5-10 senior Guy Beach (2.9/0.5), 6-5 Junior Terrell Clayton (1.8/1.8), 6-8 soph Tim Tyler (1.3/2.5) and 6-9 senior Rob Thomas (2.0/2.1)

Three red-shirted players also figure in Farmer's plans-6-5 Dale Baum, 6-9 Darryle McDaniel and 7-0 Gordon Schmidt.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Larry Farmer's teams at UCLA stressed quickness, involving everyone in the offense with a passing game that

uses a lot of screens and picks. Defensively, he employs a tough man-to-man, forcing the action into the middle. Unfortunately, his first team at Weber State probably won't look much like his teams at UCLA. The Wildcats are woefully thin in experience and talent. It will take Farmer a few years to get the program rolling in the right direction, so don't expect much from Weber State this year.

## Idaho St (15-18)

Starters Returning—3 Schedule—Average
Things are looking up at Idaho State, which has been on the dark side Schedule-Average

of the .500 level the past three years. Dr. K. James Boutin, who replaced Wayne Ballard at the controls, faces his first season with "guarded op-

Boutin's major chore will be to rebuild the frontline to go with a veteran backcourt of 6-4 senior Donn Holston (15.1 ppg) and 6-3 senior Mike Graefe (3.1 ppg, 122 assists). The other returnee with experience is Bruce Gaitor, a versatile 6-5 senior who scored at a 9.4 clip, snared 3.5 boards a game and had a team-high 46 thefts.

Holdovers who will be given an opportunity to contribute this year are 6-2 soph guard Jesse Ellis (2.0/0.6) and 6-3 senior Ron Hop, who saw just

17 minutes of playing time in '84-'85.

The hope for the future lies in the tall and talented crop of newcomers recruited by Boutin. Last year, the Bengals had only two players taller than 6-7. Boutin brought in three 6-8 guys-Daron Alleman from Laramie High School, Breg Van Grouw from Rosevelt High School in Fresno, and Toros Yetenekian, a junior transfer from Glendale Community College.

Two other freshmen will make an impact, 6-6 Steve Garrity and 6-6

Robbie Jackson.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Idaho State's basketball program has been handed over to Boutin, a 42-year-old coach who has produced winning teams wherever he's been. But Boutin won't do too much winning this year at Idaho State. A winning season would be too much to ask from the under-sized Bengals, who don't measure up to the rest of the Big Sky. ISU has some talent, but the blending of that talent into a competitive team will take time.

## Idaho (8-22)

Starters Returning—4 Schedule-Above Avg.

Bill Trumbo's Vandals have taken their knocks the last two years as the young players learned their lessons the hard way. The youth movement could start paying some dividends in '85-'86, a year later than ex-

Idaho entered last year with high expectations but finished a disappointing 8-22, including a dismal 1-13 in the league. The Vandals couldn't stop anybody last year, allowing an alarming 76 points a game.

Trumbo is hoping his patience the past two years will translate into a few more victories in '85-'86. The Vandals will rely on the leadership of Teddy Noel (8.6 ppg), a 6-5 senior point guard whose 129 assists last year ranked fourth in the conference. Joining Noel Trumbo in the backcourt will be 6-5 soph Ken Luckett, an 8-point scorer who must improve his 40 percent shooting from the field.

The veterans battling for jobs up front will be 6-4 junior Ulf Spears (9.9/2.9), 6-7 junior Tom Stalick (6.4/6.7) and 6-5 junior Steve Adams (9.6/4.5). The reserve holdovers are 6-9 soph Paul Verret (1.0/1.6), 6-3 senior Matt Haskins (5.3/2.5), 6-7 senior Mark Hoke (1.4/1.4) and 5-9

Junior guard Chris Carey (4.9/0.7).

Seeking Immediate help, Trumbo turned toward the junior colleges to bring in 6-8 Brian Coleman, 6-2 David Gibson and 6-9 Matt Gregg. Incom-

ing freshmen are 6-2 Barry Heads and 6-5 Mike labat.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The good news is that the Vandals have an experienced crew. The bad news is that most of that experience has been in losing. They still don't have the quickness on defense to challenge opponents and they lack a "true" center to take the pressure off the guards. All told, we expect the Vandals to make a much better showing in the Big Sky, but they're still not a first division club.

# Boise State (16-13)

Starters Returning -3 Schedule-Average

After posting back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in a decade, Bob Dye's Broncos won't be kicking up their heels in '85-'86. Graduation stripped the Broncos of their top scorer and rebounder from last year, leaving Dye with the task of overhauling his squad.

Dye will rebuild his club around holdovers 6-6 junior forward Roland Smith (10.6/2.6), 6-9 junior forward Jeff Kelley (6.9/3.8), 6-6 senior forward Kevin Rawlins (3.6/3.4), and 6-8 soph center Mark Warren (5.0/2.6). Also bidding for time up front will be 6-8 junior John Martin (1.0/1.2) and 7-0 junior Steve Tate (0.3/1.2).

The battle for the backcourt jobs promises to be intense with Craig Spjute (8.8/1.3), a 6-4 senior, leading the list of candidates. David Thurber (0.5/0.0) and Steve Thomas are the only other returnees with any experience. Dye realized that the backcourt would be a problem and recruited a flock of guards-junior-college transfers Roland Jackson and Doug Usitalo and freshmen Bill Perkins and Chris Childs.

The other newcomers who will get a long look from the coaching staff are 6-3 red-shirt Junior Eric Hayes and 6-8 freshman Brian Sperry.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The winning ways will come to a screaching halt in '85-'86 as the Broncos seem destined for another finish in the second division. Bob Dye will get the most out of his players, but he doesn't have enough to work with this year. This is a team that could pull a suprise here or there but won't be a serious contender.

Montana State (11-17)

Starters Returning—2 Schedule—Average
"Let's get physical" is the theme for Montana State in '85-'86 because
the Bobcats got pushed around a lot last year. They were the 90-pound

weaklings who kept getting sand kicked in their faces.

The biggest Bobcat is 7-0 fifth-year senior Greg Walters, a 230-pound center who doesn't always like to mix it up underneath. Coach Stu Starner put Walters on the weights over the summer with hopes that the pivotman can boost his scoring (6.0) and rebounding (4.3).

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The Bobcats will depend heavily on returning veterans 6-4 junior forward Kral Ferch (10.1/3.5) and 5-11 senior guard Tony Hampton (10.4/2.4). Hampton, a three-year starter, led the team in assists (106), steals (48) and free throw percentage.

Hoping to push their way into the starting lineup will be 6-8 soph Tom Domako (6.7/2.8), 6-1 junior Scott Hurley (2.9/0.9) and 6-0 soph Ray Willis (2.0/0.7). Eight newcomers will be fighting for jobs, led by 6-6 freshman Clamon Johnson, a powerful forward from Houston who could add muscle up front. Shawn Stuerman, a 6-9 junior center from Butt (Calif.) Junior College could be a valuable man to have around if Walters fails to show significant improvement from last year.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The word "freshman" is a concern for Stu Starner because most of the backup help will come from freshmen, and first-year players can drive coaches crazy with their erratic play. Without a proven center, the Bobcats still won't be able to stay with the power teams in the Big Sky. So, unless Walters plays like "Conan," another season of frustration is the forecast in '85-'86.

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J27	at M Tennessee	56-59	Maryland
J29	at Central Florida	68-48	Austin Peay
F1	Youngstown State	73-57	Utah
F3	at Detroit	88-69	Youngstown St
F8	M Tennessee	73-55	New Orleans
F10	Tennessee Tech	54-48	Virginia
F15	at Morehhead St	61-63	LSU
F17	at E Kentucky	67-71	Mississippi St
F22	Murray St	87-74	Georgia
F24	Austin Peay	79-67	LSU
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69-57	Ashland	67-79	Tennessee
	Bowling Green	79-77	Vanderbilt
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52-56		46-48	Mississippi St
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71-79 Villanova 84-70 Providence 71-78 Pittsburgh	66-70 Tulsa 96-90 S Illinois 115-80 Indiana St	49-51 Portland 80-81 Penn 68-67 Furman	67-79 Washington 51-48 Princeton	F24 Creighton F27 at W Texas St M 1 at Tulsa	F13 at Temple F15 at Geo, Washington F17 St. Joseph's
74-68 Delaware St 71-58 Holy Cross	81-82 Wichita St 71-59 Marquette	62-79 Notre Dame 69-58 E Tennessee	74-66 Glassboro 84-79 Loyola (MD) 67-85 Tenn-Chattanooga	1984-85 RESULTS 74-68 Wayne St	F20 Rhode Island F22 Massachusetts
71-69 Syracuse 47-68 Georgetown 74-68 Boston Coll	71-68 Bradley 87-63 W Texas St 58-56 Drake	70-68 Appalachian 74-80 Marshall 51-57 VMI	63-95 Auburn 69-94 Siena 84-87 Fairleigh-Dickinson	68-61 WiscGreen Bay 91-64 Winona St 73-74 Iowa St	1984-85 RESULTS 73-57 Wheeling 74-52 Indiana of PA
80-85 Seton Hall 62-93 Georgetown	82-77 Indiana St 72-64 Wichita St	77-61 S Carolina 102-92 Citadel 57-58 W Carolina	75-89 Drexel 76-70 Rider	61-49 Huron 63-59 N Texas St	59-65 Robert Morris 67-81 Iona
CORNELL	63-78 Tulsa 70-83 S Illinois 61-89 Illinois St	52-62 Tennessee-Chatt. 70-73 Appalachian	65-62 Columbia 81-73 American 63-64 Lehigh	49-66 Texas A&M 58-56 Tulane 65-62 St. Louis	74-77 Canisius 70-61 Bowling Green 60-75 Syracuse
N23 at Canisius N26 at Syracuse	54-103 Drake 62-67 Dayton	84-70 Furman 58-69 Tennessee-Chatt. 67-68 E Tennessee	76-82 Bucknell 89-77 Hofstra	38-56 Gonzaga 81-59 Lehigh	59-53 Massachusetts 66-83 George Washington
N29-30 Hurricane Classic D 3 Marist	DARTMOUTH	63-65 Marshall 79-82 Citadel	53-87 Navy 72-71 Towson St 51-49 Lafayette	56-66 Illinois St 74-83 Bradley 70-73 Indiana St	70-58 Ashland 69-63 Penn St 63-72 Rhode Island
D 7 at Northeastern D10 Colgate D27-28 Siena Tourney	1985-86 SCHEDULE N30 Conn. College	71-63 VMI 68-78 W Carolina 71-83 Marshall	61-72 William & Mary 67-73 Drexel	68-63 S Illinois 63-65 W Texas St	62-72 W Virginia 62-74 Rutgers
J 2 at Utica J 4 Hamilton	D 2 Holy Cross D 5 at Army	DAYTON	68-59 Rider 74-75 C Connecticut St 55-52 Lehigh	65-81 Wichita St 69-67 Indiana St 66-67 Tulsa	73-82 Temple 67-72 St. Bonaventure 56-70 St. Joseph's
J 6 Niagara J11 Columbia J17 Yale	D14 at Fairfield D19 at Stetson D21 at Florida Tech	1985-86 SCHEDULE N22-24 N!T	71-75 Bucknell 62-93 Holstra	78-69 W Texas St 56-58 Creighton	66-63 St. Bonaventure 61-77 Pittsburgh
J18 Brown J25 at Columbia	J 2 New Hampshire J 4 Harvard	D 4 at Miami, OH D 7 Long Island D11 Buffer	84-64 Towson St 65-70 Latayette 58-59 Rider	46-67 Illinois St 55-71 Bradley 68-92 S Illinois	61-85 W Virginia 54-81 St. Joseph's 59-67 Rutgers
J31 Princeton	J10 at Princeton				17.01

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71-60	Temple
54-51	Rhode Island
62-61	Penn St
60-99	George Washington
59-68	Massachusetts
78-64	Penn St
70-66	W Virginia
53-78	Rulgers
N12 N25	ST CAROLINA 85-86 SCHEDULE Irish National Team Campbell
D 2 D 4 D11 D14 D20-2' D27-28	al Duke Edinboro St Longwood Winthrop Kentucky Tourney Siena Tourney
J 4	American
J 6	Navy
J 8	at Campbell
J11	at Richmond
J13	at William & Mary
J18	at N Carolina-Wilm:
J20	at Penn St
J25	George Mason
J27	James Madison
F 1	at American
F 3	at Navy
F 3	at Navy
F 5	at Wake Forest
F 8	Richmond
F10	William & Mary
F15	N Carolina-Wilm
F19	C Connecticut
F22 F24	at George Mason at James Madison 84-85 RESULTS C Connecticut St VCU
73-80 104-47 58-56 57-83 63-86 70-65	Drexel Chris. Newport Campbell Wake Forest Tulsa N Texas St
75-62	Boston
69-81	George Mason
63-87	Duke
53-67	William & Mary
50-63	Richmond
46-48 68-87 65-74 59-86 56-58 71-80	Navy James Madison George Mason N Carolina-Wilm. William & Mary
62-79	American
74-66	Winthrop
60-63	Richmond
66-76	Navy
79-88	American
78-61	N Carolina-Wilm.
60-58	Campbell
61-77	James Madison
73-94	Navy
N26 N29-30	
D 2	N Carolina-Asheville
D6-7	Moc Classic
D16	Augusta College
D21	at Georgia St
J 6	at Furman
J 8	at Tenn-Chattanooga
J11	VMI
J13	Marshall
J18	at W Carolina
J20	Davidson
J23	at Appalachian St
J25 J27 F 1 F 3 F 6 F 8	Furman The Citadel al Mārshall at VMI Appalachian St Tenn-Chattanooga
F10	W Carolina
F12	Alabama-Birm.
F15	at The Citadel
F17	at Davidson
F20	Radford
F24 198 77-71	at Radford 84-85 RESULTS N Carolina-Asheville Alabama
63-60	Delaware St
55-65	Stetson
57-72	Alabama-Birm.
54-69	Kentucky
46-56	James Madison
57-66	Appalachian St
57-62	Marshall
58-69	Davidson

72-73	Furman
75-60 53-60	Augusta College
53-60 68-67	VMI
59-81	Davidson Marshall
70-74	Appalachian St
91-80	Georgia St
74-95	W Carolina
71-70	VMI
70-64	Mississippi
FASTE	RN KENTUCKY
198	5-86 SCHEDULE
N26	at Georgia Southern
N30	Ohio Dominican
D 2	Valpariso
D6-7	Illinois Classic
D11 D14	at Louisville Cincinnati
D19	Wilmington (OH)
D30	Furman
J2 , J8	W Kentucky
, J 8	Indiana-SE
J11 J13	at Akron at Youngstown St
J15	Clinch Valley
J15 J18	Tennessee Tech
J20	M Tennessee
.125	at Murray St
J27	at Austin Peay at Morehead St
F1 F3	at Bowling Green
F.Q	Austin Peav
F10	Austin Peay Murray St
F15 F17	Youngstown St
F22	Akron at M Tennessee at Tennessee Tech
F24	at Tennessee Tech
F24 F27	Morehead St
198	4-85 RESULTS
48-50 80-59 82-73	Cincinnati
80-59	Wilmington (OH)
55-76	Kentucky St
55-76 111-73	Dayton IU-SE
87-64	Augusta
59-73 74-98	Vanderbilt
63-54	Tennessee Furman
62.60	Utah
	Ohio
09-58	Morehead St
5/-58	Tennessee Tech M Tennessee
43-45 77-57	Clinch Valley
53-51	Murray St
67-47	Austin Peay
86-88	Akron
74-61 66-61	Youngstown Morehead St
59-66	W Kentucky
61-55	Akron
60.61	Valinastawa
60-64 69-67	Tennessee Tech M Tennessee
76-70	Murray St
69-62	Murray St Austin Peay Austin Peay
75-66 61-95	Austin Peay
61-95	Youngstown St
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	RN MICHIGAN
N25	Youngstown St
D 3	at Chicago St
D 7	Detroit
D10	Xavier
D16 D21	Marshall at Cleveland St
D27-28	Blade Classic
J 2	at Ball St

66-73

79-76 69-65

84-87

71-66

C Michigan Bowling Green W Michigan

Kent St

59-66 61-55 60-61 60-64 69-67 76-70 69-62 75-66 61-95	W Kentucky Akron Youngstown Tennessee Tech M Tennessee Murray St Austin Peay Austin Peay Youngstown St	
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	5-86 SCHEDULE	П
N25	Youngstown St	ı
D 3	at Chicago St	ı
D 7	Detroit	П
D10	Xavier	1
D16	Marshall	П
D21	at Cleveland St	П
	Blade Classic	ı
J 2 J 4	at Ball St Miami	1
18	at W Michigan	П
	C Michigan	П
	at Bowling Green	1
J18	Ohio	П
J22	Toledo	ı
J25	at N Illinois	1
J29	Kent St	1
F1	at Miami	1
F.5	W Michigan	П
F8	at C Michigan	1
F10	al Grand Valley	Н
F12 F15	Bowling Green at Ohio	1
F19	at Toledo	1
	N Illinois	П
F26	at Kent St	П
	Ball St	1
198	4-85 RESULTS	ı
	Chicago St	ı
70-71	Xavier	П
87-61	Grand Valley	П
	Cleveland St	1
	Michigan	1
68-53	Detroit	1
74-70	Detroit Youngstown St Marshall	
63-62	Marshall	1
81-56	N Illinois	1
90-91	Kent St	1

82-80 64-65 61-71 81-70 68-72 88-85 69-67 72-79	Ball St Miami Ohio C Michigan Bowling Green W Michigan Toledo N Illinois	
74-85	Kent St	
198 N18	VANSVILLE 85-86 SCHEDULE Marathon Oil	
N23 N26	Kentucky St at Austin Peay	
D 2 D 4 D 7	Maryland-E Shore at Indiana St	
D 7 D 9	SW Missouri St N Iowa	
D15 D21	Murray St St. Louis	
D23	Pepperdine	
D30 J 2 J 6	at New Orleans Morehead St	
311	at Nebraska Valparaiso	
J13 J18	at Oral Roberts Butler	
J20 J25	Xavier at Loyola al Detroit	
J27 F 1	at Detroit at St. Louis	
F 1 F 4 F 6	at St. Louis at DePaul at E Illinois	
F10 F15		
F17 F22	at Butler at Xavier Loyola	
F24	Detroit	
50-47	84-85 RESULTS Missouri-KC	
58-50 72-70	Murray St Indiana St	
72-70 88-71 72-65	W Kentucky Ark,-Little Rock	
82-57	Purdue	
84-72 82-66	C Michigan Florida Southern	
71-63 80-73	Nebraska	
65-63 90-75	Oklahoma City Oral Roberts	
80-68 77-71	Butler Xavier	
69-64 94-89	New Orleans Loyola	
74-65 73-69	Detroit St. Louis	
72-67	E Illinois Oklahoma City	
79-75	Oral Roberts Butler	
83-63 89-80	Xavier Loyola	
89-75 67-65	Detroit	
74-64	St. Louis SW Missouri	
73-72 74-69	Butler Oral Roberts	
FAIRFIFLD		

67-65 74-64 73-72 74-69	St. Louis SW Missouri Butler Oral Roberts
	FAIRFIELD
	5-86 SCHEDULE
N25	Utica College
N30	Yale
03	at Brown
D.7	St. Joseph's
D10	Connecticut
D12	at Manhattan
D14	Dartmouth
D23	Marist
D28	at St. Peter's
D30	at Florida Southern
12	at Miami
18	Syracuse
J11	at LaSalle
J13	at Lehigh
J15	St. Peter's
J18	Fordham
J21	at Holy Cross
J23 J25	at lona
753	Holy Cross Army
F 1	lona
F6	at Fordham
F8	LaSalle
F12	Navy
F15	at Army
F17	at New Hampshire
F22	Manhattan
19	84-85 RESULTS
79-76	Marist
66-63	Brown
68-63	Utica

94-64

64-81

Branceis

St. Joseph's (PA) Connecticut

73-64	New Hampshire
	Lehigh
74-90	Kent St
79-87	N Illinois
86-70	Dartmouth
89-95	LaSalle
72-74	Fordham
68-69	Army
97-110	
67-92	Northeastern
69-91	Manhattan
75-64	St. Peter's
71-79	Holy Cross
82-95	Navy
62-65	Fordham
67-66	Army
73-71	lona
106-105	LaSalle
60-61	St. Peter's
81-88	Manhattan
56-58	Holy Cross
61-95	lona
-	FLADIDA
	FLORIDA
	5-86 SCHEDULE
	Athletes in Action
N26	C Florida

Florida St at Ohio St S Florida

1984-85 RESULT

Indiana Tennessee

Vanderbilt Mississippi

Auburn

Georgia

Kentucky

Alahama

Tennessee

Florida St

Vanderbilt Mississippi

Auburn

Georgia

Kentucky LSU Alabama

Kentucky

**FLORIDA STATE** 

1985-86 SCHEDULE

N Carolina St W Carolina FIT

at Alabama at Pittsburgh

at N Carolin at Louisville

Jacksonville

C Florida California (PA)

Cincinnati Virginia Tech at Miami

at New Orleans S Mississippi at S Carolina

at Virginia Tech Louisville Memphis St

S Carolina

Miami at S Mississippi at Memphis St New Orleans at Cincinnati

Tampa at Florida

Mississippi St

Auburn SW Louisiana

Mississippi St

106-55 C Florida

120-66 St. Thomas 70-54 Stetson 87-73 Arizona St

D17 at Miami (FL D20-21 Rebel Round

N29

D 3

J18

J22 J25

J27 J29

F19

F22 F26 M 1

68-65 82-68 83-70

63-80 84-70 74-80

68-64 82-64 60-71

67-55 68-86

86-77

72-57 93-86

86-79 78-81

78-66 54-56 56-80

68-76 59-61

66-81

69-63 58-55

42-43

64-65

N29

04

D14

D16 D21

D31 J 2 J 4

J 6 J 9 J11

J13 J20

J27

F 1

F10

Florida St at Ohio St S Florida at Miami (FL)	97-93 Virginia Tech 75-65 Cincinnati 86-90 Memphis St
Rebel Roundup at Tennessee	FORDHAM
Auburn	1985-86 SCHEDULE
Vanderbilt	N23 at Hofstra
at Mississippi	N26 at Long Island
at Georgia	N30 Monmouth
Kentucky	D 3 at Hartford
LSU	D6-7 Kactus Classic
at Alabama	D11 at Seton Hall
Miami, FL	D21 at LaSalle
at Mississippi St	D23 Columbia
Tennessee	D29-30 Hawaii-Pac. Tourney
at Auburn	J 4 at Stetson
at Vanderbilt	J 9 at N Carolina
Mississippi	J11 at St. Peter's
Georgia	J16 at Manhattan
at Kentucky	J18 at Fairfield
at LSU	J20 Holy Cross
Alabama	J22 at St. John's
Mississippi St	J25 at Iona
84-85 RESULTS	J27 Army
C Florida	J29 at Dayton F 1 LaSalle
Florida St	
S Florida	F 4 Manhattan F 6 Fairfield
Jacksonville	F 8 St. Peter's
St. Thomas	F11 at Notre Dame
Stetson	F15 Iona
Arizona St	F22 at Holy Cross
Indiana	F25 at Army
Tennessee	res at Alliny

1984-85 RESULTS

El International

Jacksonville Tenn-Martin

N Carolina St. Joseph's S Florida

Louisville Virginia Tech N Carolina St

Memphis St S Mississippi

Tulane S Mississippi

Jacksonville

Memphis St Louisville Virginia Tech Cincinnati

87-75 S Carolina

Tulane S Carolina Florida

Pittsburgh Furman Cincinnati

97-43

83-76

62-63

69-78 88-72

54-56

62-63 71-85

66-72 69-74

61-64 77-92 79-86

88-72

68-70 72-83 75-87

1984-85 RESULTS N Carolina Long Island St. Francis (NY) St. John's 65-81 78-67 83-65 46-47 93-73 Hofstra 74-70 83-69 74-67 Seton Hall Siena Lasalle 64-73 67-55 72-76 59-63 S Florida Long Beach St Pepperdine Army Columbia 73-72 74-72 62-55 77-70 Fairfield St. Peter's Hartford Manhattan Holy Cross LaSalle 73-67 77-66 66-70 47-53 lona 65-66 lona Fairfield St. Peter's Manhattan 65-62 64-48 69-55 74-65 54-65 Army Notre Dame 62-66 Holy Cross 44-42 Manhattan 62-55 St. Peter's

54-57 57-59	lona Richmond
	LERTON STATE
N22	at Hawaii
N23	at Brigham Young
N25	at Hawaii Pacific

N29-30 Utah Classic D 3 D 5 D11 D14 San Diego Texas Tech US International at Loyola Marymount Seattle at Portland D16 D21 at Pepperdine New Mexico St D28 12 Long Beach St at Utah St at San Jose St at Pacific J11 J13

J16	Cal-Irvine
J18	Nevada-LV
J23	at Santa Barbara
J30	at New Mexico St
F1	at Long Beach St
F3	at Fresno St
F8	Santa Barbara
F13	Utah St
F15	San Jose St
F17	at Nevada-LV
F22	Fresno St
F27	Pacific
M 1	
	at Cal-Irvine
	84-85 RESULTS
51-50	St. Mary's
64-72	Texas-San Antonio
69-73	Loyola-Marymount
53-54	Portland
75p60	UC-Riverside
59-60	Montana
81-75	Pepperdine
66-64	Colorado St
56-66	Nevada-Reno
63-70	New Mexico St
82-71	Long Beach St
92-97	San Jose St
73-72	Utah St
89-80	UC-Irvine
69-83	Nevada-LV
80-72	UC-Santa Barbara
51-46	San Jose St
84-53	New Mexico St
69-60	Long Beach St
52-51	Fresno St
69-85	UC-Santa Barbara
86-64	Pacific
63-73	Utah St
69-78	Nevada-LV
53-67	Fresno St
79-59	Pacific
84-74	UC-Irvine
79-68	UC-Irvine
56-54	Fresno St
61-79	Nevada-LV
01-19	Menangery

J16

Cal-Irvine

01-13	Movada-LV
	WASHINGTON
	35-86 SCHEDULE
N23	Montclair St
N26	at Stanford
N30	Bowie St
D 2	Coppin St
D 4	at Michigan St
D 7	Jacksonville
D17	at American
D21	Coastal Carolina
D23	at Kansas
J 4	at Massachusetts
J 6	at Rhode Island
J11	St. Joseph's
J16	at W Virginia
J18	at Duquesne
J23	St. Bonaventure
J25	Penn St
J27	Temple
J30	Massachusetts
F1	Rhode Island
F3	at Temple
F6	at St. Joseph's
F8	at Rutgers
F13	W Virginia
F15	Duquesne
F17	Rutgers
F20	at Penn St
F22	at St. Bonaventur
19	84-85 RESULTS
65-56	Randonh Macon

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F17	Rutgers
F20	at Penn St
F22	at St. Bonaventure
198	4-85 RESULTS
65-56	Randoph Macon
83-59	American
115:67	Morgan St
79-87	Xavier
76-49	Lehigh
54-68	Michigan St
70-76	Kansas
53-50	Towson St
71-67	W Virginia
83-66	Duquesne
61-65	St. Bonaventure
55-62	Temple
69-65	Penn St.
62-75	St. Joseph's
69-68	Massachusetts
73-80	Rutgers
93-71	Rhode Island
96-77	Rutgers
42-51	Virginia
40-64	St. Joseph's
84-75	Rhode Island
67-70	Penn St
55-64	Massachusetts
54-56	Temple
71-56	St. Bonaventure
99-60	Duquesne
63-73	W Virginia
49-52	St. Joseph's

1985-86 SCHEDULE
N22 at SW Louisiana
N28-29 Miami Classic
D 7 at Georgia Tech **GEORGIA** at Georgia Tech Georgia St at Utah St at Nebraska D14 D18 D20

58-69 94-90

65-86

54-78 74-88 67-79

78-73 63-71

Davidson The Citadel W Carolina

Furman Tenn-Chattanooga The Citadel

Radford Tenn-Chattanooga

79-81

Ball St

D27-28	## HOFSTRA  1985-86 SCHEDULE  N23 Fordham N26 at Brown D3 lona D6-7 Lapchick Tourney D9 Ohio D14 Wagner D21 Open D28 Monmouth J 4 at Manh J11 at Delaware J15 Drexel J15 Drexel J16 at Ricer J20 at Notre Dame J17 at Delaware J17 Towson St J29 Lafayette F1 at Lehigh F3 St. Francis F5 Delaware F1 at Lehigh F3 St. Francis F5 Delaware F8 at Orexel F12 Rider F15 Bucknell F19 at Towson St F12 at Lafayette Lehigh  1984-85 RESULTS F2-80 Iona 105-74 Va. Wesleyan 73-93 Fordham 73-93 Fordham 73-94 Marist 80-67 Santa Clara 76-86 Brigham Young 77-70 N Carolina-Char. 85-71 Drexel 84-75 Fla. International 78-86 Towson St F1-64 Lafayette Bucknell 71-67 Wagner 78-89 Delaware 56-58 Monmouth 75-93 Lehigh Be-72 Richer F6-78 Richer F7-89 Delaware 56-58 Monmouth 75-93 Lehigh Be-72 Richer F7-89 Delaware F8-85 SCHEDULE F7-80 Lehigh F8-72 Lehigh F8-72 Lehigh F8-73 Connecticut F7-74 Lafayette F7-74 Lafayette F7-75 Lafayette F7-76 Lafayette F7-77 And Francis F8-78 Richer F8-78 Delaware F8-78 Del	S8-97   Manhattan   S8-80   Iona   S2-79   LaSaile   S8-71   Connecticut   S6-62   Fordham   S8-56   Fairfield   S8-56   Fairfield   S8-56   Fairfield   S8-56   Fairfield   S8-56   SCHEDULE   N16   Simon Fraser   N25   Seattle   N30   at Air Force   D 4   at Washington   S1   D7   E Washington   S1   D8   D8   D8   D8   D8   D8   D8   D	82-65 N Arizona 82-102 Nevada-Reno 53-66 E Washington 68-85 Weber St 85-77 Montana St 65-73 Montana 73-71 Boise St 1daho 92-100 Nevada-Reno 88-56 N Arizona 95-53 US International 86-102 Weber St 62-63 Montana 65-70 Montana St 102-99 Idaho 78-75 Boise St 80-78 Weber St 89-86 N Arizona 63-79 Nevada-Reno  ILLINOIS STATE 1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 SE Missouri N26 Iowa St N30 Chicago St N30 Chicago St N30 Chicago St N30 Chicago St N31 Tulsa 1 SMU Tourney D21 at SW Missouri D27-28 Wyoming Tourney D21 at SW Missouri D27-28 Wyoming Tourney D3 at Ureas J4 J Tulsa J3 at Bradley Indiana St J31 at Creighton J18 W Texas J33 Tulsa F 1 at Drake F 6 S Illinois F10 U of I-Chicago F13 at W Texas F15 at Tulsa F20 Wickilfa St F20 Wickilfa St F22 Creighton F27 at S Illinois M 1 Bradley 1984-85 RESULTS 51-49 WiscGreen Bay 76-73 Detroit 71-84 DePaul 52-49 WiscGreen Bay 76-73 Detroit 71-86 San Diego 92-84 Wortheastern 65-59 Providence 66-56 Drake 63-73 Cereighton 78-63 Sillinois 86-80 Wichita St 79-66 Chicago St 86-80 Wichita St 79-66 Chicago St 86-80 Wichita St 79-66 Indiana St 66-68 Bradley 61-66 Indiana St 68-75 Oklahoma  INDIANA STATE 1985-86 SCHEDULE N30 St. Mary's S UscGreen Bay 61-69-82 Bradley 61-66 Indiana St 65-69 Providence 61-66 Indiana St 61-69-82 Bradley 61-66 Indiana St 61-69 Bradley 61-66 Indiana St 61-69-82 Bradley 61-66 Brake 61-69-82 Bradley 61-66 Brake 61-69-82 Bradley 61-69 Trake 61-69 Bradley 61-69 Trake 61-69 Bradley 61-69 Trake 61-69 Bradley 61-69 Trak	## B4-75	M 6
51-49 Loyola Marymount	66-77 Fordham 48-51 Army	84-78 Idaho	F22 Tulsa F27 at Bradley	F13 at Michigan F15 at Michigan St	N30 at New Orleans

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**NEW HAMPSHIRE** 

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**NEW MEXICO STATE** 

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67-65 Tex-San Antonio 65-68 S Alabama	D20 Appalachian St D27-28 Holiday Bowl	D 7 Henderson St D10 TCU	N25 Curry D 2 at Providence	69-62 Montana St 89-86 Idaho St	42-64 Illinois 57-76 Purdue
85-101 Loyola Chi	J 3 Wolford	D13-14 Morning News Trn.	D 5 Vermont		48-74 Minnesota
70-66 Pan American	J11 at Jacksonville	D20-21 Cajun Classic D28 at Mississippi	D 7 Cornell D14 Massachusetts	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	78-58 lowa 47-61 Michigan St
NIAGARA	J13 Old Dominion J16 at VCU	J 4 Kansas St J 8 Pan American	D16 at Stetson D27-28 Conn Mutual Classic	N26 Wisconsin-Stout	66-87 Michigan 53-61 Wisconsin
N27 Utica College	J18 Jacksonville	J11 at Texas-Arlington	J 9 at Colgate	N30 DePaul D 2 at N Iowa	33-01 Wisconsin
N30 at LaSalle	J20 at Alabama-Birm. J30 W Kentucky	J16 at Lamar J18 at McNeese	J11 Maine J15 at Army	D 9 S Illinois-Edwardsville	NOTRE DAME
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D11 at Siena D14 at Vermont	F 6 at Georgia Tech	J27 SW Louisiana	J30 at Niagara	D16 Northwestern D21 Marquette	N30 Butler D 3 at Indiana
D21 at St. John's	F 8 at W Kentucky F10 S Alabama	J30 Arkansas St F 1 at Texas-San Antonio	F 1 at Canisius F 4 Hartford	D23 at Kansas St	D 7 UCLA
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J18 Canisius J20 at Hartford	1984-85 RESULTS 79-82 Wolford	F22 at Louislana Tech F27 Texas-San Antonio	F19 Siena F22 Canisius	J22 at Bowling Green	J13 at Brigham Young
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F 6 Siena College	64-70 Davidson 71-65 Furman	58-76 TCU 79-64 St. Edwards	1984-85 RESULTS 71-52 Vermont	F 8 at Miami	J29 Utah
F 8 Maine F10 at Dayton	76-86 Tennessee	70-72 Texas Wesleyan	128-72 Suffolk 70-63 Arkansas-Little Rock	F12 W Michigan F15 at C Michigan	F 1 Marquette F 3 Maryland
F13 Army F15 Hartford	70-77 Hofstra 66-68 Princeton	59-63 Drake 63-79 Valparaiso	80-81 Montana	F19 Bowling Green F22 at E Michigan	F 5 at Dayton F 8 at Syracuse
F19 at New Hampshire	76-58 Idaho 100-57 Methodist	45-90 SMU 75-95 Alcorn St	66-67 Massachusetts 84-92 Illinois St	F26 Toledo M 1 at Ohio	F11 Fordham
F22 at Boston F24 at Northeastern	75-65 Hartford	65-70 E Carolina	74-81 W Texas St 89-71 Maine	1984-85 RESULTS	F16 at Duke F19 at Manhattan
M 1 at Canisius	60-86 Old Dominion 72-82 Jacksonville	55-81 Texas Tech 60-58 Hardin Simmons	73-70 Niagara	58-59 DePaul 94-63 Bemidji St	F22 at Miami F26 DePaul
NORTH CAROLINA	68-86 Georgia Tech 75-85 VCU	64-77 NE Louisiana 50-68 Louisiana Tech	94-70 Maine 88-68 Siena	89-54 Chico St	M 1 at Marquette M 3 at New Orleans
1985-86 SCHEDULE	62-89 S Alabama	64-79 Lamar -	108-58 Keene St 63-56 Colgate	97-96 George Mason 52-61 Marquette	M 8 Dayton
N16 Greek Team N24 UCLA	62-65 Alabama-Birm, 67-96 Jacksonville	58-70 Arkansas St 64-82 McNeese St	92-67 Fairfield	59-64 Northwestern 71-83 Wisconsin	1984-85 RESULTS 67-52 Manhattan
N26 Iona N29-D1 Alaska Shootout	54-86 S Florida 76-87 S Alabama	73-72 Texas-San Antonio 67-86 Texas-Arlington	55-57 New Hampshire 65-67 Canisius	64-83 Bradley	79-61 Northwestern
D 7 at Rutgers	67-102 W Kentucky	74-80 NE Louisiana	80-85 Niagara 75-82 Boston College	87-79 Fairfield 56-81 E Michigan	85-45 St. Francis, PA 74-63 Indiana
D14 Ohio U D17 at Jacksonville	56-77 VCU 81-82 S Florida	69-97 Texas-San Antonio	99-91 Canisius	69-62 Toledo 66-63 W Michigan	83-95 DePaul 88-57 Valparaiso
D20 Stanford D22 at The Citadel	64-80 Old Dominion 55-60 Alabama-Birm.	60-86 Lamar 58-69 Arkansas St	54-45 Colgate 74-62 Boston U	56-64 Kent St 86-71 Ball St	58-60 Creighton
D27-28 Orange Bowl	77-76 W Kentucky	59-78 McNeese St	76-74 Ohio St 75-59 Hartford	62-88 Miami	70-73 Rice
J 4 N Carolina St	62-85 VCU	83-77 Texas-Arlington	88-62 Vermont	42-50 Ohio 80-90 C Michigan	63-62 Marquette 96-61 Holy Cross
J 9 at Fordham J11 at Wake Forest	N CAROLINA-WILM.	78-89 McNeese St	72-63 Siena	81-62 Bowling Green 52-63 Toledo	66-71 DePaul 66-61 Dayton
J14 at Maryland	1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 at Army	NE LOUISIANA	80-69 Boston U 103-81 Maine	69-91 W Michigan 60-62 Kent St	65-77 Maryland
J18 Duke J19 at Marquette	N26 Coastal Carolina N29-30 Tip-Off Classic	1985-86 SCHEDULE	73-69 Siena 68-67 Boston U	64-82 Ball St	70-63 Providence 48-42 St. Louis
J25 Georgia Tech J26 Notre Dame	D 7 Campbell	N23 Arkansas-Monticello N25 at Centenary	57-76 Illinois	63-61 Miami 49-72 Ohio	53-52 UCLA 71-58 LaSalle
J30 at Virginia F 1 Clemson	D20-21 Volunteer Classic D30 G Connecticut St	N29 at Hawaii D4-5 Pacemaker Classic	NORTHERN ARIZONA	83-76 C Michigan 79-90 Bowling Green	62-65 Syracuse
F 4 at Georgia Tech	J 4 Navy J 6 American	D 7 S Mississippi D 9 at Northwestern St	1985-86 SCHEDULE	79-72 E Michigan	79-54 New Orleans 69-81 Duke
F 8 Wake Forest F12 at Clemson	J 9 Radford	D14 Centenary	N23 at Air Force N25 at E Washington	NORTHWESTERN	61-60 Loyola 65-54 Fordham
F20 Maryland F23 at N Carolina St	J11 at Wm & Mary J13 at Richmond	D20-21 Louisiana Tourney J 4 E Illinois	N30 S Cal. College D 4 Oregon	1985-86 SCHEDULE	67-58 Brigham Young 69-70 Butler
F26 Virginia	J16 Akron J18 E Carolina	J 6 at SE Louisiana J11 at Louisiana Tech	D 7 at Arizona	N25 Illinois Wesleyan N26 UCLA	57-50 Washington
M 2 at Duke 1984-85 RESULTS	J20 at Radford	J16 Arkansas St	D12 Arizona St D14 Santa Fe	N30 at Bradley	66-60 Marquette 80-73 Dayton
81-65 Fordham	J25 James Madison	J23 at Texas-Arlington	D21 Colorado St D27-28 Santa Clara Tourney	D 7 Illinois-Chicago	79-70 Oregon St 58-60 N Carolina
89-72 Boston U 77-63 Howard	J27 George Mason F 1 at Navy	J25 at N Texas St J30 McNeese St	J 3 Metro St	D14 WiscGreen Bay D17 at N Illinois	
87-65 Oral Roberts 79-73 Wake Forest	F 3 at American F 8 Wm & Mary	F 1 Lamar F 6 at McNeese St	J 9 Montana St	D19 DePaul D28 at Rollins	OHIO 1985-86 SCHEDULE
80-69 Wichita St 85-66 Arizona St	F10 Richmond	F 8 at Lamar F13 at Arkansas St	J11 Montana J13 E Washington	D30 at Duke	N22 Marathon Oil
88-69 Hawaii Pacific	F15 at E Carolina F20 at George Mason	F15 at E Illinois	J18 Nevada-Reno J24 at Idaho St	J 4 at Wisconsin J 9 Indiana	N30 Capital D 3 Marshall
76-81 Missouri 85-71 Stetson	F22 at James Madison 1984-85 RESULTS	F20 N Texas St F22 Texas-Arlington	J25 at Weber St J30 Boise St	J11 Ohio St J16 at Purdue	D6-7 Carrier Classic D 9 at Hofstra
78-69 Florida St 75-74 Maryland	58-42 Radford	F24 at SW Louisiana F27 Louisiana Tech	F 1 Idaho	J18 at Illinois J23 Iowa	D11 at Wagner D14 at N Carolina
65-61 Virginia	88-58 Coastal Carolina 68-69 W Carolina	1984-85 RESULTS	F 7 at Montana F 8 at Montana St	J26 Minnesota	D21 at St. Francis, PA
82-84 SMU 86-76 N Carolina St	61-60 UNC-Charlotte 66-70 N Carolina A&T	84-75 Concordia Lutheran 61-60 SW Louisiana	F15 at Nevada-Reno F20 Weber St	F 1 at Michigan St	J 2 at N Illinois
77-93 Duke 74-68 Jacksonville	54-40 Atlantic Christian	72-60 Christian Bros. 73-59 S Mississippi	F22 Idaho St	F 6 at Ohio St F 8 at Indiana	J 4 at C Michigan J 8 Kent St
62-66 Georgia Tech 50-52 Clemson	65-88 LSU 82-57 Davis & Elkins	85-66 Northwestern St	F27 at Idaho M 1 at Boise St	F13 Illinois F15 Purdue	J11 at Bowling Green J15 Ball St
83-62 The Citadel	66-64 George Mason 68-83 Navy	90-78 Southern 81-98 Southern	1984-85 RESULTS 110-82 Adams St	F20 at Minneosta F22 at Iowa	J18 at E Michigan
77-55 Furman 82-73 Virginia	52-75 Richmond 68-79 Wm & Mary	85-42 US International 63-38 US International	65-64 Jacksonville, FL	F27 Michigan St	J22 Miami J25 at Toledo
75-70 LSÜ 60-54 Maryland	75-71 American	95-101 Oklahoma 88-71 Northwestern St	64-56 New Mexico 60-44 Grand Canyon	M 1 Michigan M 9 Wisconsin	J29 W Michigan F 1 C Michigan
76-85 N Carolina St	51-78 Navy 64-68 James Madison	68-71 Southeastern	82-61 Arizona 83-68 E Washington	1984-85 RESULTS	F 5 at Kent St
69-59 Wake Forest 84-50 Clemson	54-70 Richmond 67-51 Campbell	77-64 N Texas St 77-80 Texas-Arlington	67-61 Arizona St 103-69 Western St	69-50 Loras 61-79 Notre Dame	F12 at Ball St
62-67 Georgia Tech 78-68 Duke	58-56 E Carolina	84-77 McNeese St 72-65 Northwestern St	63-61 Washington St	67-73 Loyola 44-53 Marquette	F15 E Michigan F19 at Miami
72-61 Wake Forest 57-51 N Carolina St	68-53 American 63-65 Augusta	66-54 Arkansas St	83-70 E Washington	74-49 Chicago 64-59 N Illinois	F22 Toledo F26 at W Michgian
54-57 Georgia Tech	71-91 Wake Forest 74-66 Campbell	59-57 Centenary 70-84 Lamar	82-65 Pepperdine 54-53 San Diego	55-76 Duke	M 1 N Illinois
76-57 M Tennessee St 60-58 Notre Dame	59-75 James Madison	63-73 Louisiana Tech 80-74 N Texas St	65-62 Idaho St 75-68 Weber St	56-61 DePaul 61-58 Butler	1984-85 RESULTS 94-85 St. Francis
62-56 Auburn 44-56 Villanova	61-78 E Carolina 59-67 Wm & Mary	74-75 Texas-Arlington 58-67 McNeese St	62-58 Montana St	54-66 Cleveland St 51-52 Wisconsin	73-90 Indiana 56-55 Wichita St
	80-54 Augusta 88-99 George Mason	66-65 SE Louisiana	76-69 Montana 85-71 Idaho	50-77 Indiana 59-79 Ohio St	64-72 Illinois-Chicago
N CAROLINA-CHAR. 1985-86 SCHEDULE	67-70 George Mason	56-61 Arkansas St 69-81 Lamar	69-63 Boise St 72-59 Nevada-Reno	49-50 Purdue	75-67 Ohio Wesleyan 77-70 Heidelberg
N22 UNC-Ashville	NORTH TEVAS STATE	65-72 Louisiana Tech 70-62 Arkansas St	87-75 Weber St 88-56 Idaho St	43-55 Illinois 47-66 Iowa	76-71 Marhsall 62-67 San Jose St
N26 Wake Forest D 2 Longwood	NORTH TEXAS STATE 1985-86 SCHEDULE	70-72 Louisiana Tech	76-72 Montana	56-51 Minnesota 52-76 Michigan	58-52 E Kentucky 73-62 Miami
D 7 at Appalachian St D 9 at W Carolina	N23 at Hardin Simmons N26 Westmont	NORTHEASTERN	69-66 Montana St 72-55 Boise St	54-68 Michigan St 60-63 Ohio St	79-84 W Michigan
D14 Davidson	D 3 at Pan American	1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 at Maryland	80-75 Idaho 77-66 Nevada-Reno	59-78 Indiana	75-66 C Michigan 79-57 Bowling Green
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73-66 E Michigan 62-55 Toledo 50-42 N Illinois 77-58 Kent St 60-58 Ball St 62-54 W Michigan 60-56 Bowling Green 71-61 E Michigan 60-56 Bowling Green 71-61 E Michigan 65-72 Toledo 72-49 N Illinois 66-76 Kent St 64-55 Ball St 64-55 Ball St 64-56 Ball St 64-54 Miami 38-49 Kansas  OKLAHOMA 1985-86 SCHEDULE N22 Santa Barbara 38-49 Kansas  OKLAHOMA 1985-86 SCHEDULE N22 Santa Barbara A16 Miami N29-30 Hawaii Tourney D 6 Penn St D 9 W Texas St D 14 Texas D 15 Wew Orleans D 17-28 All College Tourney J 18 Lowa St J 15 at Colorado J 18 Lowa St J 15 at Kansas St J 12 At Kansas St J 15 At Kansas F 5 Oklahoma St F 8 at Iowa St F 12 Kansas St F 5 Colorado J 18 Kansas St F 14 Kansas St F 15 Colorado F 19 at Nebraska	66-67 Washburn 44-43 Houston Baptist 75-55 Arkansas St 62-52 San Diego 65-82 SMU 92-71 Oral Roberts 83-96 Tulsa 63-70 Tulsane 75-67 Robert Morris 65-56 Arkansas St 76-84 Texas Arlington 94-76 Colorado 68-66 Nebraska 83-88 Kansas St 58-64 Iowa St 65-66 Missouri 81-83 Oklahoma 72-84 Kansas 81-77 Kansas St 83-88 Colorado 74-78 Missouri 67-82 Iowa St 84-89 Oklahoma 79-88 Kansas 91-116 Oklahoma  OLD DOMINION 1985-86 SCHEDULE N30 Virginia Tech Virginia Tech Virginia Tech Virginia Tech D7 Times-Dispatch D8 Albama J9 Maryland J13 at N Garolina-Char J15 at Wm & Mary J18 VCU J20 at S Alabama	F17 at Loyola F22 Xavier F24 Burter  1984-85 RESULTS 91-77 Oklahoma Baptist 82-86 Tulsa 71-74 LSU 70-71 Texas A&M 65-87 N Carolina 82-71 Texas 82-71 Texas 82-71 Texas 91-92 Okahoma St 67-64 Arkansas 81-69 UCLA 86-71 Kansas St 68-55 St. Louis 90-75 Evansville 66-62 Oklahoma City 61-71 Tulsa 86-92 Xavier 78-66 Burter 65-69 Detroit 92-97 Loyola 74-64 St. Louis 75-79 Evansville 83-73 Bradley 81-61 Oklahoma City 70-67 Xavier 60-62 Burter 60-62 Burter 60-62 Burter 83-73 Stadley 81-61 Oklahoma City 70-67 Xavier 60-62 Burter 60-62 Eurter 80-70 Detroit 77-86 Loyola 93-76 Stetson 56-53 St. Louis 74-59 Evansville 83-89 Loyola  OREGON STATE 1985-86 SCHEDULE N13 Australia Team N22 at Portland N27 at Wichita St N30 at New Mexico D12 Boise St	F 7 Brown F 8 Yale F 14 at Dartmouth F 15 at Harvard F 19 Villanova F 21 at Yale F 22 at Brown F 25 at Princeton F 28 Cornell M 1 Columbia	J24 San Francisco J25 Santa Clara J30 at San Diego F 1 at St. Mary's F 7 St. Mary's F 8 San Diego F 9 Tortland F22 Gonzaga at San Francisco M 5 Loyola Marymount F21 Portland F22 Gonzaga at Santa Clara At San Francisco M 5 Loyola Marymount F28 at Santa Clara At San Francisco M 5 Loyola Marymount F28 B YU-Hawaii F29 Hawaii F279 Ha	D21 Fullerion St D27-28 Woltpack Classic J 2 Boise St J 4 at Montana J 6 at Idaho St Loyola Marymount J18 Pepperdine J23 at St. Mary's J25 at San Diego San Francisco F 1 Santa Clara F 7 at Santa Clara F 8 at San Francisco F 1 Santa Clara F 8 at San Francisco F 1 Santa Clara F 8 at San Francisco F 1 Santa Clara F 8 at San Preperdine F 9 at San Diego M 1 St. Mary's M 5 Gonzaga 184-85 RESULTS F 9 Pacific B2-81 San Jose St 46-44 E Washington 54-69 Oregon St 54-53 Fullerton St 54-54 St. Mary's 59-64 St. Mary's 59-64 St. Mary's 59-64 Santa Clara 58-68 San Diego 75-76 Pepperdine 59-58 Gonzaga 83-65 C Washington 60-80 Pepperdine
F 8 at lowa St F12 Kansas St F15 Colorado	J15 at Wm & Mary J18 VCU	N22 at Portland N27 at Wichita St N30 at New Mexico	1985-86 SCHEDULE	69-64 St. Mary's 97-90 Santa Clara	75-76 Pepperdine 59-58 Gonzaga 83-65 C Washington

D23	Howard ArkLittle Rock	RHODE ISLAND 1985-86 SCHEDULE	RICHMOND 1985-86 SCHEDULE	72-76 Monmouth 59-58 Hofstra	61-71 St. Mary's 61-57 Portland	J23 Fullerton St J27 Fresno St
J2 J4	at Xavier St. John's at Georgetown	N23 Bryant N26 Stonehill N30 at Brown	N26 at Providence N30 Wake Forest D 3 at VCU	59-58 Delaware 62-74 Bucknell	58-43 Gonzaga 54-57 Pepperdine 64-66 Loyola Marymount	J30 at Long Beach St F 1 at New Mexico St F 8 Fullerton St
J11 J14	Notre Dame Villanova at Pittsburgh	D 4 at New Hampshire D 7 at Providence D10 Boston College	D6-7 Stanford Tourney D10 VMI D20-21 Times-Dispatch	RUTGERS 1985-86 SCHEDULE N25 Fairleigh Dickinson	SAN FRANCISCO	F13 San Jose St F15 Utah St F22 Nevada-LV
J22	at Boston College at Syracuse at Villanova	D14 Connecticut D22 at S Carolina D28 Maine	D30 at Georgia Tech J 4 Wm & Mary J11 E Carolina	N29 at Oregon D 4 Duquesne	1985-86 SCHEDULE N22 St. Mary's (MN) N23 E Oregon St	F24 Irvine F27 at Fresno St M 1 at Pacific
J27 F 1	Georgetown Boston College	J 4 at Temple J 6 Geo. Washington	J13 N Carolina-Wilm. J15 Radford	D 7 at N Carolina D11 Monmouth D14 at Princeton	N26 at Nevada-Reno N29 St. Thomas D 3 at San Jose St	1984-85 RESULTS 70-93 N Carolina St
F12 F15	at St. John's at Seton Hall Syracuse	J 9 Penn St J11 at Massachusetts J13 at St. Bonaventure	J18 at George Mason J20 at James Madison J23 Navy	D21 Long Island D28 Loyola (MD) J 2 Penn St	D11 San Jose St D14 at California D20-21 Albertson Classic	72-65 Missouri-St. Louis 60-76 San Diego 69-84 San Diego St
F22	Pittsburgh at Connecticut Seton Hall	J16 St. Joseph's J18 at Rutgers J23 W Virginia	J25 American J27 Old Dominion J30 at Virginia Tech	J 4 St. Bonaventure J 6 at W Virginia J 9 Georgia Tech	D27-28 Cowboy Shootout D30 Idaho	78-68 Loyola Marymount 63-65 Pepperdine 69-80 Washington St
198	Connecticut 4-85 RESULTS Virginia	J25 Duquesne F 1 at Geo Washington F 3 at Penn St	F 1 at Wm & Mary F 8 at E Carolina F10 at N Carolina-Wilm	J11 at Temple J16 Massachusetts	J11 Fresno Pacific J17 St. Mary's	86-68 Illinois Wesleyan 60-57 Montana St 89-83 New Mexico St
60-58 67-70	Chaminade Assumption Dayton	F 6 Temple F 8 Massachusetts F13 at St. Joseph's	F13 James Madison F15 George Mason F20 Loyola	J25 at St. Joseph's J27 at Duquesne	J18 San Diego J24 at Pepperdine J25 at Loyola Marymount	84-73 Long Beach St 75-78 Utah St 55-74 San Jose St
84-75 53-52	Holy Cross Rhode Island Howard	F15 Rutgers F17 St. Bonaventure F20 at Duguesne	F22 af American F24 af Navy	J30 at St. Bonaventure F 1 at Penn St F 3 W Virginia	J30 at Portland F 1 at Gonzaga F 7 Gonzaga	76-93 Nevada-LV 70-67 Irvine
53-55 71-67	Fairleigh Dickinson Brown	F22 at W Virginia 1984-85 RESULTS	1984-85 RESULTS 68-59 Tampa 52-57 Virginia	F 8 Geo. Washington F10 Temple F13 at Massachusetts	F 8 Portland F15 at Santa Clara F20 at San Diego	67-55 Pacific 45-55 Fresno St
59-65 55-67	W Texas St Illinois St Boston College	64-59 Hartford 87-79 Stonehill 64-60 Maine	60-69 VCÜ 74-58 Campbell 85-52 Drexel	F15 at Rhode Island F17 at Geo. Washington F22 St. Joseph's	F22 at St. Mary's F28 Loyola Marymount M 1 Pepperdine	72-56 Long Beach St 76-65 New Mexico St 85-69 Fullerton St
75-66 63-71	Pittsburgh Connecticut Syracuse	82-74 New Hampshire 52-53 Providence 50-70 Boston College	64-77 Tennesee 52-68 VCU 67-55 James Madison	1984-85 RESULTS 77-73 Rider 54-41 Princeton	M 5 Santa Clara SAN JOSE ST	54-57 San Jose St 55-67 Utah St 71-81 Nevada-LV
58-64 57-65	Georgetown Marquette Villanova	83-50 Bryant 63-93 Connecticut 68-74 Rutgers	63-67 Navy 75-52 N Carolina-Wilm. 76-75 George Mason	61-77 St. John's 70-64 Wagner 89-70 American	1985-86 SCHEDULE N25 Sonoma St	76-84 Irvine 40-41 Fresno St 79-75 Pacific
63-70	Seton Hall Notre Dame St. John's	70-74 St. Bonaventure 51-70 W Virginia 72-63 Duquesne	63-50 E Carolina 74-58 American 72-68 James Madison	77-93 Michigan 68-80 N Carolina St 80-82 Old Dominion	N27 Hayward St N30 at Arizona St D 3 San Francisco	50-56 Fresno St SANTA CLARA
55-68	Boston College Pittsburgh Connecticut	49-57 Temple 71-86 Penn St 68-64 Brown	82-76 Wm & Mary 70-54 N Carolina-Wilm. 55-80 Navy	74-68 Rhode Island 72-83 Massachusetts 85-76 St. Joseph's	D11 at San Francisco D19 at Santa Clara D21 Washington St	1985-86 SCHEDULE N14 Finnish Team
73-87	Syracuse Georgetown Seton Hall	44-48 St. Joseph's 68-72 Massachusetts 84-93 George Washington	67-75 Marquette 53-54 George Mason 84-52 Loyola	88-71 Penn St 74-62 Duquesne 63-66 Temple	D27-28 Hoosier Classic J 2 at Irvine J 4 at Nevada-LV	N22 Pacific N23 San Francisco St N26 at UC Davis
82-88 53-72	Villanova St. John's Seton Hall	65-76 Massachusetts 54-58 Penn St 75-84 George Washington	71-42 Radford 63-60 E Carolina 85-70 Hofstra	82-70 St. Bonaventure 80-73 George Washington	J 6 Fresno St J11 Fullerton St J18 at Utah St	N29 Chico St D 2 at Colorado D 4 at Utah
53-72	St. John's	60-76 Temple 56-73 St. Joseph's 51-54 Duquesne	74-56 James Madison 82-63 American	71-76 W Virginia 77-96 George Washington 96-74 Monmouth	J20 at Long Beach St J23 at Pacific J25 at Fresno St	D14 at Oregon St D16 at Nevada-Reno D19 San Jose St
1985	PURDUE 5-86 SCHEDULE Stetson	69-76 W Virginia 53-83 St. Bonaventure	47-48 VMI 68-58 Wm & Mary 74-68 American	58-69 Temple 57-73 W Virginia 67-59 Duquesne	J30 Nevada-LV F 1 Irvine F 6 New Mexico St	D21 Weber St D27-28 Cable Car Classic J 4 Alaska-Fairbanks
D3	Alaska Shootout San Francisco St Morehead St	55-60 St Bonaventure	77-64 George Mason 76-85 Navy 59-57 Fordham	81-87 St. Bonaventure 84-67 Penn St 57-71 St. Joseph's	F 8 Long Beach St F13 at Santa Barbara F15 at Fullerton St	J 6 Brooklyn J17 San Diego J18 St. Mary's
D 7 D 9	at Louisville at S Illinois Toledo	RICE 1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 Southwestern	53-75 Indiana	86-79 Massachusetts 69-71 Rhode Island 69-67 Massachusetts	F17 Utah St F24 Pacific F27 at New Mexico St	J24 at Loyola-Marymount J25 at Pepperdine J30 at Gonzaga
D21 D23	Detroit DePaul Cable Car Classic	N25 Tarlelon St N27 Montana N30 al SE Louisiana	1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 Trenton St	78-53 Duquesne 51-59 Temple	1984-85 RESULTS 88-64 Alberta	F 1 at Portland F 7 Portland
J2	lowa Minnesota at Michigan St	D 2 at Austin Peay D 9 Jackson St D19 Mary Hardin-Baylor	N30 Montclair St D 2 at Clemson D 4 at Alabama	SAN DIEGO 1985-86 SCHEDULE	81-82 Portland 44-79 Arizona 63-65 San Diego	F 8 Gonzaga F15 San Francisco F20 at St. Mary's
J11 J16	at Michigan Northwestern Wisconsin	D21 NW Louisiana D27-28 Music City Tourney	D14 at St. Francis D16 at Radford D18 at Miami	N22-24 Tribune Classic N29 Nevada-Reno N30 SW Texas SI	77-57 Hayward St 58-60 Washington St 84-42 Sonoma St	F22 at San Diego F28 Pepperdine M 1 Loyola-Marymount
J23 J25	at Indiana at Ohio St at Illinois	J 2 at TCU J 4 Texas J 8 Texas Tech	D21 at Stetson J 4 Lafayette J 6 C Connecticut	D 3 at Fullerton St D6-7 Champion Classic D14 at San Diego St	74-67 Santa Clara 67-62 Ohio 72-70 Utah	M 5 at San Francisco 1984-85 RESULTS 97-43 Alberta
F6 F8	Michigan Michigan St at Wisconsin	J11 at Houston J15 Sul Ross J18 Arkansas	J 8 at Kansas J10-11 Monmouth Tourney J15 at Towson St	D20-21 Longhorn Classic D30 N Iowa J 2 Montana St	93-71 Irvine 65-80 Nevada-LV 49-58 Fresno St	68-60 UCLA 61-89 Weber St 91-59 San Francisco St
F15 F20	at Northwestern Ohio St	J22 at Baylor J25 at Texas A&M J29 SMU	J18 Hofstra J22 at Drexel J25 Lehigh	J 4 St. Ambrose J 9 US International J17 at Santa Clara	97-92 Fullerton St 74-55 Santa Barbara 75-80 Utah St	87-65 Nevada-Reno 74-59 Oklahoma City
M 1 M 6	Indiana Illinois at Minnesota	F 1 TCU F 5 al Texas F 8 Texas Tech	J29 Delaware F 1 at Bucknell F 5 at Lafayette	J18 at San Francisco J23 Gonzaga J25 Portland	73-67 Long Beach St 46-51 Fullerton St 56-70 Nevada-LV	73-56 Chico St 67-80 Holstra 85-73 SW Missouri St
198- 76-72	at lowa 4-85 RESULTS Tampa	F12 Houston F19 at Arkansas F22 Baylor	F 8 Towson St F12 at Holstra F15 Drexel	J30 Pepperdine F 1 Loyola Marymount F 7 at Loyola Marymount	77-78 Irvine 76-46 Pacific 69-59 New Mexico St	62-64 Oregon St 76-66 UC Davis 67-74 San Jose St
66-56	Athletes in Action Kentucky Miami, OH	F26 Texas A&M M 1 at SMU 1984-85 RESULTS	F17 E Stroudsburg F19 at Lehigh F22 at Delaware	F 8 at Pepperdine F15 St. Mary's F20 San Francisco	68-73 Long Beach St 57-54 Santa Barbara	80-65 Cincinnati 78-59 Nebraska 67-72 Louisville
77-56	S Carolina Fredonia St Evansville	93-56 Austin College 66-69 Seton Hall 62-60 Holy Cross	F24 Bucknell 1984-85 RESULTS	F22 Santa Clara F27 at Portland M 1 at Gonzaga	55-64 Pacific 83-76 Utah St 76-64 New Mexico St	74-58 Idaho 73-58 Puget Sound 68-60 Gonzaga
75-66 70-54	S Illinois SE Missouri St Mississippi St	63-75 Louisiana Tech 58-55 Tulane 65-80 Texas-San Antonio	73-77 Rutgers 57-47 Montclair St 68-73 Marist	M 5 at St. Mary's 1984-85 RESULTS	84-80 Fresno St 92-56 Utah St 59-60 Nevada-LV	64-59 Portland 52-53 Pepperdine 91-70 Loyola Marymount
74-64 63-75	Texas-El Paso lowa Minnesota	63-39 Arkansas-Monticello 62-55 Lamar 64-61 SE Louisiana	82-66 Radford 71-66 St. Francis, NY 74-107 Virginia Tech	78-48 Missouri-Baptist 80-75 Nevada-Reno 65-63 San Jose St	SANTA BARBARA 1985-86 SCHEDULE	62-56 San Diego 73-71 St. Mary's 57-60 San Diego
72-81 65-81	Michigan St Michigan Northwestern	57-66 SMU 63-62 TCU 73-70 Notre Dame	100-93 Texas Arlington 63-85 Ball St 59-76 Lehigh	53-57 San Diego St 76-60 Santa Barbara 52-62 Oklahoma St	N15 Victoria N22 at Oklahoma N29 St. Mary's TX	92-55 Loyola Marymount 90-97 Pepperdine 79-69 Portland
72-68 62-52	Wisconsin Indiana Ohio St	53-65 Texas 54-78 Texas Tech	70-76 Delaware 70-101 SW Louisiana 57-75 Bucknell	63-75 Idaho 53-47 Pacific 58-77 Illinois St	N30 US International D 3 at Loyola Marymount	65-52 Gonzaga 67-63 St. Mary's
54-34 84-95	Illinois Michigan Michigan St	73-77 Houston 56-67 Arkansas 56-65 Baylor	76-74 Drexel 67-63 Lafayette 59-81 Wake Forest	70-65 Hardin-Simmons 47-44 John Brown 77-51 Concordia	D 6 Washington St D13 Chapman D17 E Washington D21 at Montana	76-79 Fresno St SETON HALL
67-52 76-57	Wisconsin Northwestern Ohio St	52-64 Texas A&M 52-68 SMU 62-61 TCU	72-68 Hofstra 75-63 Towson St 84-53 Lehigh	54-53 N Arizona 67-56 SW Texas St 66-39 SW Baptist	D23 at Montana St D28-30 BYU-Hawaii Tourney	1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 Pace N26 C Connecticut SI
72-63 43-86	Indiana Illinois Minnesota	65-66 Texas 60-61 Texas Tech 91-96 Houston	69-62 York 59-68 Delaware 77-78 Towson St	50-60 Pepperdine 45-58 Gonzaga 68-66 Portland	J 2 Pacific  J 4 New Mexico St  J 6 Long Beach St	N30 Columbia D 3 at Princeton D 7 LeMoyne
60-54	lowa Auburn	82-44 Tarleton St 71-68 Arkansas 78-97 Baylor	72-85 Bucknell 53-54 Drexel 84-80 E Stroudsburg	65-75 St. Mary's 56-62 Santa Clara 62-54 Loyola Marymount	J 9 at San Jose St J11 at Utah St J16 at Nevada-LV	D 9 Manhattan D11 Fordham
		62-79 Texas A&M	59-52 Lafayette	60-57 Santa Clara	J18 at Irvine	D14 at St. Peter's

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F11 SW Texas St F15 at Xavier	F 1 at Army F 4 at LaSalle	J16 at Duquesne J18 at W Virginia	TENNESSEE TECH	67-65 Clemson 85-84 Lamar	79-81 SMU 67-60 TCU
F17 at Butler F22 Detroit F24 Loyola	F 8 at Fordham F10 Utica F13 Manhattan	J23 Penn St J25 St. Bonaventure J27 at Geo. Washington	N25 Cumberland N30 SW Louisiana	66-71 Louisville	51-53 Texas 50-58 Texas Tech
1984-85 RESULTS 97-64 Duke	F15 at Holy Cross F18 Dayton	J27 at Geo. Washington F 1 Massachusetts F 3 Geo. Washington	D6-7 Wichita Shootout D10 at C Florida D14 Bluefield	TEXAS 1985-86 SCHEDULE	81-77 Houston 79-62 Rice 54-52 TCU
101-88 Blackburn 89-59 Greenville	F22 Iona 1984-85 RESULTS	F 6 at Rhode Island F 8 St. Joseph's	D14 Bluefield D16 at S Mississippi D21 Mercer	N25 Baptist College N27 Cal-Riverside	63-72 Texas Tech 67-80 New Mexico
73-64 S Illinois-Carbondale 66-64 Hardin-Simmons	71-52 Trenton 73-57 Utica	F10 at Rutgers F13 Duquesne F15 W Virginia	D26-28 Far West Classic J 2 Tiffin	D 1 at S Alabama D 5 at USC D11 Oral Roberts	TEXAS ARLINGTON
81-68 William Penn 65-62 Drake 80-74 E Washington	49-47 Howard 38-50 Michigan St 103-68 Morgan St	F15 W Virginia F17 at Massachusetts F20 at St. Bonaventure	J 6 M Tennessee St J11 Austin Peay	D14 at Oklahoma D17 LSU	1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 Westmont
75-47 US International 59-56 SW Missouri St	57-58 Seton Hall 63-53 Monmouth	F22 at Penn St 1984-85 RESULTS	J13 Murray St J18 at E Kentucky J20 at Morehead St	D20-21 Longhorn Classic D27-28 Cotton States Classic	N26 at SW Texas St N29 Tarleton St
68-55 Oral Roberts 73-60 Oklahoma City	48-47 Marist 60-72 Holy Cross	75-62 Drexel 65-68 Villanova	J25 Akron J27 Youngstown St	J 2 at Houston J 4 at Rice J 8 Arkansas	N30 Texas A&I D 2 SW Texas St D 9 Oklahoma St
77-67 Xavier 71-54 Butler	73-63 Manhattan 60-59 LaSalle 55-62 Fordham	56-57 Bradley 70-57 Pennsylvania	F 3 at M Tennessee St F 8 at Youngstown St	J11 Baylor J15 at Texas A&M	D20-21 Albertson's Classic J3-4 WLKF Classic
61-49 Detroit 85-73 Loyola 73-69 Evansville	70-72 Army 63-61 Delaware St	65-54 LaSalle 71-61 Wake Forest 71-66 Pepperdine	F10 at Akron F15 at Murray St	J18 at SMU J22 TCU	J 6 SW Missouri J 8 Texas-San Antonio
48-42 Notre Dame 74-64 Oral Roberts	61-66 S Florida 48-52 Iona	66-60 Wyoming 77-45 St. Joseph's	F17 at Austin Peay F22 Morehead St F24 E Kentucky	J29 at Texas Tech F 1 Houston F 5 Rice	J11 N Texas St J13 Hardin-Simmons J16 at McNeese St
80-51 Oklahoma City 72-53 Xavier 66-61 Butler	75-57 Drexel 64-75 Fairfield	65-49 Penn St 65-39 Massachusetts	1984-85 RESULTS 89-64 Georgia College	F 8 at Arkansas F12 at Baylor	J18 at Lamar J21 at Hardin-Simmons
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67-65 Evansville 64-54 Georgia Tech	48-64 Fordham 79-73 Hartford	82-73 Duquesne 57-61 W Virginia	88-67 Belmont 66-86 Missouri	F22 at TCU M 2 Texas Tech	F 1 Arkansas St F 6 at Texas-San Antonio F 8 at N Texas St
65-47 W Illinois 56-53 Oral Roberts	77-72 Army 61-60 Fairfield	77-56 St. Bonaventure 88-71 W Virginia	78-65 Cumberland 64-59 Tenn-Chatt. 72-67 S Mississippi	77-51 Southwestern 87-52 NW Louisiana	F13 McNeese St F15 Lamar
ST MARYS	60-66 Iona 70-66 Holy Cross 55-62 Fordham	69-58 Rutgers 53-52 St. Bonaventure	76-81 Mercer 99-62 Milligan	79-87 LSU 86-62 Long Beach	F20 at Louisiana Tech F22 at NE Louisiana
1985-86 SCHEDULE N22 Stanisiaus St	66-71 Army	76-60 Rhode Island 60-71 Duquesne 56-54 George Washington	70-64 M Tennessee 58-57 E Kentucky	71-82 Oral Roberts 83-66 Missouri Westn.	F27 at Arkansas St 1984-85 RESULTS
N23 St. Mary's (MN) N26 Sonoma St N29 at UCLA	STANFORD 1985-86 SCHEDULE	50-48 Massachusetts 57-51 Penn St	76-64 Morehead St 57-42 Akron 67-68 Youngstown	61-52 Cal-Riverside 65-71 San Diego St	94-73 E Texas St 93-63 Tarlton St
D 3 Washington D6-7 Stanford Tourney	N 8 Australian Team N26 George Washington	66-70 St. Joseph's 67-56 St. Bonaventure 62-61 St. Joseph's	80-82 SW Louisiana 73-82 Murry	69-57 Army 69-68 Mercer 60-67 Texas Tech	76-70 Hardin-Simmons 68-80 SW Texas 94-78 Texas Wesleyan
D14 US International D18 California	N29-30 Toronto Tourney D 2 San Diego	62-61 St. Joseph's 59-51 Rutgers 60-57 Virginia Tech	92-76 Austin Peay 70-55 C Florida	61-58 Houston 65-53 Rice	78-63 SW Texas 77-89 Colorado St
D28 Pacific J 4 Brooklyn J 6 at Colorado	D6-7 Apple Invitational D14 Seattle D17 at Harvard	46-63 Georgetown	53-51 Murray 87-65 Austin Peay 64-40 E Kentucky	58-64 Arkansas 68-65 Baylor 61-66 Texas A&M	93-100 Rider 85-79 Georgia St 67-63 Hardin-Simmons
J11 Seattle Pacific J17 at San Francisco	D20 at N Carolina D23 Seton Hall	TENNESSEE 1985-86 SCHEDULE	70-79 Morehead St 74-70 M Tennessee	46-54 SMU 45-53 TCU	82-81 Texas-San Antonio 49-76 SW Missouri
J18 at Santa Clara J23 Portland	D29-30 Hawaii Pac. Tourney J 2 Washington St	N22 NE Louisiana D 2 at Michigan	74-52 Akron 64-54 Youngstown	66-61 Texas Tech 80-94 Houston	84-96 Oklahoma St 65-76 Louisiana Tech
J25 Gonzaga J30 Loyola Marymount F 1 Pepperdine	J. 4 Washington J. 9 at Arizona J. 11 at Arizona St	D 7 Texas A&M D10 Illinois D14 Missouri	52-54 M Tennessee 62-65 Tennessee	66-65 Rice 51-60 Arkansas 73-72 Baylor	80-77 NE Louisiana 61-73 Arkansas St 63-59 Samford
F 7 at Pepperdine F 8 at Loyola Marymount	J18 California J23 UCLA	D20-21 Volunteer Classic D27-28 Sugar Bowl Classic	TENNESSEE-CHATT.	53-51 Texas A&M 60-64 SMU	63-89 Lamar 62-81 Texas-San Antonio
F15 at San Diego F20 Santa Clara F22 San Francisco	J25 USC J30 at Oregon F 1 at Oregon St	J 2 Florida J 4 Misissippi	N16 Marathon Oil N25 Georgia College	52-54 TCU 71-70 USC	82-91 McNeese St 86-67 N Texas St 61-86 Louisiana Tech
F27 at Gonzaga M 1 at Portland	F 6 Arizona St F 8 Arizona	J 8 at Auburn J11 LSU J15 at Vanderbilt	N30 Roanoke D 4 Georgia Tech	46-66 Arkansas TEXAS A&M	75-74 NE Louisiana 60-61 Arkansas St
M 5 San Diego 1984-85 RESULTS	F15 at California F20 at USC	J18 at Alabama J22 Mississippi St	D6-7 Coca-Cola Classic D14 Tennessee Wesleyan D17 at Mississippi St	1985-86 SCHEDULE N 8 Athletes in Action	52-90 Lamar 90-108 McNeese St
53-58 California 63-59 Sonoma St 69-59 LaSalle	F22 at UCLA F27 Oregon St M 1 Oregon	J25 at Kentucky J30 Georgia F 1 at Florida	D20-21 UAB Classic D27-28 Krystal Classic	N22 UAB Tourney N25 Alcorn St	77-83 N Texas St 70-98 Lamar
69-59 LaSalle 90-67 San Diego 50-51 Fullerton St	M 6 at Washington M 8 at Washington St	F 5 at Mississippi F 8 Auburn	J 8 E Tennessee St J11 at Davidson J13 at Furman	N28 Stephen F. Austin D 2 Prairie View	TEXAS CHRISTIAN
48-68 Washington 96-43 Sacramento St	1984-85 RESULTS 87-48 San Diego	F12 at LSU F15 Vanderbilt	J16 at The Citadel J22 W Carolina	D 5 at Lamar D 7 at Tennessee D10 Pan American	1985-86 SCHEDULE N23 McMurry College N26 Howard Payne N30 Colorado St
71-52 Seattle 61-56 Stanford	66-53 Pacific 84-73 LaSalle	F19 Alabama F22 at Mississippi St F27 Kentucky	J25 at Marhsall J27 at VMI	D14 at Oral Roberts D20-21 Gator Bowl	D6-7 Kactus Klassic
85-82 W Texas St 63-66 Houston 62-67 Nevada-Reno	86-72 Missouri-St. Louis 56-61 St. Mary's 83-46 Seattle	M 1 at Georgia 1984-85 RESULTS	J29 Appalachian St F 1 at W Carolina F 6 Davidson	D27-28 Sugar Bowl J 2 Baylor	D10 at N Texas St D14 at Oklahoma City D21 Drake
60-61 Colorado St 53-76 DePaul	67-59 Loyola-Marymount 83-56 Riverside	65-70 Alabama-Birm. 65-59 Idaho St	F 8 at E Tennessee St F10 at Appalachian St	J 8 at SMU J11 TCU J15 Texas	D21 Drake D23 Long Beach St D27-28 Rebel Roundup
104-52 US International 64-58 Portland	72-90 Mercer 75-60 Army 69-78 Washington	49-72 Maryland 85-48 Vermont	F15 VMI F17 Marshall	J18 at Texas Tech J22 at Houston	J 2 Rice J 4 Arkansas
55-57 Gonzaga 76-71 Pepperdine 75-65 San Diego	59-71 Washington St 74-89 Arizona St	61-70 Missouri 89-73 S Mississippi 86-75 Virginia Tech	F22 Furman F24 The Citadel 1984-85 RESULTS	J25 Rice J29 Arkansas F 1 at Baylor	J 8 at Baylor J11 at Texas A&M J15 SMU
78-68 Loyola Marymount 71-73 Santa Clara	55-51 Arizona 72-87 California 71-100 UCLA	86-76 N Čarolina-Char. 98-74 E Kentucky	105-77 N Georgia College 58-74 Georgia Tech	F 8 at SMU F12 at TCU	J22 at Texas J25 Texas Tech
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67-53 Gonzaga 61-56 Portland	73-83 Oregon St 56-68 Arizona	70-84 Florida 70-63 Mississippi	79-63 Tennessee Temple 59-64 Tennessee Tech 73-64 Tennessee Wesleyan	F22 Houston F26 at Rice M 1 at Arkansas	F 5 at Arkansas F 8 Baylor F12 Texas A&M
63-67 Santa Clara	75-91 Arizona St 41-43 California 66-72 UCLA	86-74 Auburn 65-75 LSU	85-67 Delaware 58-74 VCU	1984-85 RESULTS 79-64 Stephen F. Austin	F15 at SMU F22 Texas
ST PETERS 1985-86 SCHEDULE	86-65 USC 49-54 Oregon St	87-79 Vanderbilt 79-67 Alabama 66-82 Mississippi St	62-84 Ohio St 76-60 Florida A&M	66-70 St. Mary's 71-70 Oral Roberts	F26 at Texas Tech M 1 at Houston
N25 Morgan St N30 at Connecticut D 4 at S Florida	61-68 Oregon 68-78 Washington St	81-65 Kentucky 80-79 Georgia	81-69 W Carolina 64-63 Marshall 78-60 VMI	74-53 Pan American 76-66 Valparaiso 66-49 Drake	1984-85 RESULTS 112-71 St. Edward's 100-41 St. Thomas
D 7 Army D10 Fairleigh Dickinson	47-67 Washington	86-93 Florida 57-58 Mississippi 60-75 Auburn	91-82 The Citadel 73-51 Furman	66-74 Illinois St 79-62 Pacific	71-57 John Brown 76-58 N Texas St
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D23 at Fairleigh Dickinson D28 Fairlield D30 at Niagara	N19 Brisbane N26 at Drexel N30 at UCLA	59-80 Alabama 79-64 Mississippi St	62-52 Davidson 63-71 The Citadel	67-70 Arkansas 102-78 Baylor 77-69 Marquette	58-42 Campbell 64-66 Mississippi 81-71 Niagara
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J 8 at Xavier J11 Fordham J15 at Fairfield	D14 Villanova D21 Wake Forest D27-28 Philadelphia Classic	82-67 Georgia 65-62 Tennessee Tech	80-73 Marshall 63-52 Furman	66-61 Texas 50-47 Texas Tech 71-69 Houston	73-83 Houston 62-63 Rice 59-67 Arkansas
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J29 at Monmouth	J11 Rutgers	100-84 Louisville	69-71 VMI	78-74 Baylor	70-74 SMU

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N23 at Syracuse	F27 New Hampshire	J 4 Georgia Tech	VIRGINIA MILITARY	82-69 Cincinnati	45-52 Oregon St
N25 at Fairfield	M 1 at Colgate	J B Wm & Mary J11 at Clemson	1985-86 SCHEDULE	65-70 Louisville 66-65 Tulane	66-50 Southern Cal 59-71 Duke
N27 at Niagara N30 at St. Peter's	1984-85 RESULTS 56-80 Villanova	J14 Pennsylvania	N23 Chris Newport N25 Averett	98-66 Morgan St	72-54 California
D 3 Siena	52-71 Northeastern 55-73 Vanderbilt	J19 Maryland J22 Wake Forest	N26 Radford	87-75 Florida SI 78-67 S Carolina	51-63 UCLA
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D12 at Boston College D22 at Vermont	67-48 Plattsburgh 58-79 Harvard	F 6 at Duke	D11 Lynchburg D10 at Richmond	57-60 Temple	56-69 Arizona
D28-29 UC Matt's Classic	53-94 Canisius	F 9 at Missouri F12 at Wake Forest	D30 at Kentucky	WAVE CODECT	72-65 Ariz St 50-61 Southern Cal
J 2 Cornell J 4 at Cleveland St	60-73 Utica 59-73 Yale	F15 at Georgia Tech	J 9 at Appalachian St J11 at E Tennessee St	WAKE FOREST 1985-86 SCHEDULE	67-61 UCLA 81-63 Arizona St
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J18 at Chicago St	48-70 Canisius	F26 at N Carolina M 1 at Maryland	J20 The Citadel	N26 at NC-Charlotte N30 at Richmond	60-45 Oregon St 68-55 Washington St
J20 at Illinois-Chicago J25 Coppin St	76-60 Maine 71-61 Maine	1984-85 RESULTS	J22 at Wm & Mary J25 W Carolina	D 4 Davidson D 7 Boston Coll	60-58 Arizona 50-57 Notre Dame
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F 8 at F. Dickinson	57-52 New Hampshire	72-60 Loyola	F 1 at Davidson	D19 at N Carolina St D21 at Temple	67-47 Stanford 58-66 Kentucky
F12 Hamilton F15 at Maine	37-34 Colgate 59-60 Siena	57-52 Richmond 68-57 VMI	F 3 E Tennessee St F 8 at The Citadel	D29-30 Rainbow Classic J 4 MdE Shore	
F19 Oneonta St F22 Brooklyn	72-69 Monmouth 68-80 Niagara	53-54 Wm & Mary 65-78 Duke	F10 at Furman F12 Bluefield	J 6 at Clemson	WASHINGTON STATE 1985-86 SCHEDULE
F27 US International	62-67 Dartmouth	69-53 Randolph-Macon	F15 at Tenn-Chatt.	J 8 al Georgia Tech J11 N Carolina	N23 at Fresno St
VANDEDDILT	45-61 Boston U 62-88 Northeastern	66-54 Penn St 48-54 Alabama	F17 at W Carolina F19 Virginia Tech	J16 at Duke J18 N Carolina St	N26 at Pepperdine N30 at BYU
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N29-30 IPTAY Tourney D 4 Duke	58-54 Colgate	45-51 N Carolina St	1984-85 RESULTS	J25 Clemson J28 at Maryland	D 6 at Santa Barbara
D 7 Baylor	56-65 Siena	61-65 N Carolina 60-50 Pennsylvania	63-67 James Madison 86-46 Bridgewater	F 1 Duke J 5 E Carolina	D 9 Wis-Madison D12 Nebraska
D 9 Austin Peay D14 Pennsylvania	VILLANOVA	62-82 Clemson 46-49 Georgia Tech	50-56 Old Dominion	F 8 at N Carolina	D14 E Washington
D21 at Princeton	1985-86 SCHEDULE N22 Drexel	58-56 Wake Forest	76-60 Lynchburg 57-68 Virginia	F12 Virginia F15 NC-Charlotte	D27-30 Rainbow Classic
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J15 Tennessee J18 at LSU	D14 Temple	84-39 Rollins 62-55 Georgia Tech	60-57 W Carolina	110-64 Rollins	J18 at Oregon J25 at Washington
J22 Alabama J25 at Mississippi St	D21 St. Joseph's D27-30 Rainbow Classic	69-66 Clemson 55-57 N Carolina St	57-51 Davidson 71-62 Furman	76-82 Boston Coll 69-55 Davidson	J30 Arizona F 1 Arizona St
J29 at Auburn	J 2 at Seton Hall J 4 Marist	65-68 Wake Forest	54-70 Tenn-Chatt. 63-65 Marshall	64-62 Appalachian St 73-79 N Carolina	F 6 at UCLA
F 1 Mississippi F 5 at Kentucky	J 6 Syracuse	55-60 Maryland 48-55 Georgia Tech	81-61 Bluefield	83-57 E Carolina	F 8 at Southern Cal F13 Oregon
F 8 Florida F12 at Georgia	J11 at Providence J14 at Connecticut	56-55 W Virginia	60-63 Bucknell 60-53 E Tennessee St	61-71 Temple 75-90 UTEP	F15 Oregon ST F22 Washington
F15 at Tennessee	J18 Pittsburgh J20 at Georgetown	68-61 St. Joseph's 54-61 Tennessee	50-48 Wm & Mary 64-56 Appalachian St	67-65 Miss St 64-47 William & Mary	F27 at Ariz St
F19 LSU F22 at Alabama	J25 Providence	VA COMMONWEALTH	61-64 The Citadel	68-54 Georgia Tech	M 1 al Arizona M 6 Stanford
F26 Mississippi St M 1 Auburn	J27 Pennsylvania J29 at St. John's	VA-COMMONWEALTH 1985-86 SCHEDULE	58-63 Furman 54-61 W Carolina	79-64 Furman 83-61 Clemson	M 8 California
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87-72 Yale 94-82 MTSU	F 6 Maryland	D 3 Richmond D 7 at Virginia Tech	53-69 The Citadel	56-58 Virginia	59-61 Wisonsin
73-55 Vermont	F 8 at Pittsburgh F12 at Syracuse	D14 Virginia Tech D20-21 Times-Disp. Tourn	48-47 Richmond 65-63 W Carolina	70-76 Duke 91-64 N Caro St	56-77 Idaho 60-58 San Jose St
84-81 Baylor 68-47 Princeton	F15 Georgetown	D30 at George Mason	71-69 Tenn-Chatt, 65-70 Marshall	62-64 Maryland	54-53 Montana 62-56 Gonzaga
73-59 E Kentucky 77-88 Indiana St	F18 St. John's F20 Seton Hall	J 7 at S Alabama J 9 at Alabama-Birm.		65-80 Clemson	80-69 Santa Barbara
73-59 Columbia	F25 Monmouth M 2 Boston College	J11 at Dayton J13 James Madison	VIRGINIA TECH	91-71 NC-Wilmington 59-69 N Carolina	63-58 Nebraska 63-61 N Arizona
74-81 Clemson 63-61 Mississippi	1984-85 RESULTS	J16 N C-Charlotte J18 at Old Dominion	1985-86 SCHEDULE N22-23 Silversword Classic	66-69 Maryland 68-65 Virginia	71-49 E Montana 86-67 California
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73-80 Georgia	68-65 Temple 77-62 Monmouth	J23 Jacksonville J25 S Alabama	D 4 Coppin St	61-72 N Carolina 66-77 S Florida	62-69 USC
68-69 LSU	80-67 Pennsylvania	J27 Marquette J29 Wm & Mary	D 7 VCU D10 at Virginia		72-74 Oregon 57-73 Oregon St
77-79 Alabama 70-71 Mississippi St	80-63 LaSalle 91-61 Brigham Young	F 1 at S Florida	D14 at VCU D21 W Virginia	WASHINGTON 1985-86 SCHEDULE	56-73 Washington
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62-68 Kentucky	70-59 Connecticut	F13 Old Dominion F15 S Florida	J 2 James Madison J 4 W Kentucky	N29-D1 NIT Pre-season D 3 at St. Marys	66-58 UCLA 58-64 USC
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85-82 Tennessee 55-64 LSU	85-66 Boston College 86-74 Seton Hall	F19 at James Madison F22 W Kentucky	J15 at James Madison	D 9 at Boise St	60-63 Arizona
56-81 Alabama	63-55 Drexel	1984-85 RESULTS	J16 Louisville J18 at Cincinnati	D19 BYU D23 at Montana	55-68 Washington 86-78 Arizona St
81-71 Mississippi St 58-84 Auburn	65-57 Providence 74-77 Maryland	72-61 E Carolina 55-67 Louisville	J22 N Carolina A&T J25 Florida St	D27-28 Tulsa Holiday Trn. D30 at Lamar	78-68 Stanford 58-67 California
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N23 RPI N24 at Villanova	61-62 Boston College 47-44 St. Joseph's	68-52 Richmond 69-65 Virginia Tech	F19 at VMI	J18 at Oregon St	N23 Tenn St N25 S Utah St
N26 at West Point	88-82 Providence	67-65 Jacksonville	F22 at S Mississippi F24 at Florida St	J25 Wash St J30 Arizona St	N29 at Utah St
N30 at Harvard D 5 at Northeastern	80-75 Seton Hall 62-85 Pittsburgh	72-58 W Kentucky 65-52 James Madison	M 1 Cincinnati 1984-85 RESULTS	F 1 Arizona F 6 at UCLA	N30 Tenn St D 5 E Washington
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D22 Utica D31 Canisius	59-55 Michigan 46-43 Maryland	71-70 S Alabama 62-66 Alabama-Birm	108-65 S Caro St 80-53 Iowa	F22 at Wash St F27 at Arizona	D23 Wyoming D28 at BYU
J 4 at Yale J 8 Hartford	56-44 N Carolina 52-45 Memphis St	81-54 Jacksonville 62-55 S Florida	75-86 Tenn	M 1 at Ariz St	J 4 at SW Louisiana J10 Idaho
J11 at Canisius	66-64 Georgelown	65-66 James Madison	107-74 Rider 65-63 W Virginia	M 6 Stanford M 8 California	J11 Boise St
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J25 at Boston U	N12 Toronto N23 Virginia	85-62 W Kentucky 73-81 Memphis St	92-67 N Caro A&T 109-68 S Carolina	59-57 Texas Tech 68-48 St. Mary's	F 1 at Idaho St
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F15	Montana
F20	at N Arizona
F22	at Nev-Reno
M 1	Idaho St
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81-65	Northridge
89-61	Santa Barbara
77-70	Utah St
59-65	Utah
87-79	BYU
83-104	Utah St
98-47	E Washington
62-56	New Mex St
51-56	Lamar
98-44	Tex Wesleyan
89-80	SW Louisiana
76-74	Nev-Reno
68-75	N Arizona St
90-51	US Int'I
85-68	Idaho St
95-70	Montana
79-66	Montana St
61-55	E Michigan
94-82	Idaho
60-63	Boise St
87-75	N Arizona
77-62	Nev-Reno
102-86	Idaho St
66-79	Montana St
58-66	Montana
69-71	Boise St
96-76	Idaho
78-80	Idaho St

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N23	Midwestern
N26	Adams St
D 3	Panhandle St.
D7	Southern
D9	at Oklahoma
D13-14	Hawaii Tourney
D20-21	Pan American Trn.
D29	Colorado College
	at Drake
J4	Tulsa
1.75	Indiana Ct

J11 J16 at Bradley J18 at Illinois St J23 at Tulsa 130 Bradley

Wichita St at Indiana St at S Illinois Illinois St at Wichita St at Creighton F15 F20 S Illinois

Drake Pan American 1984-85 RESULTS

85-78 Ft. Lewis 140-70 N.M. Highlands 78-82 Southern (La.) 85-75 S Colorado Adams St St. Mary's 82-85 80-59 64-73 Portland

Providence 81-74 Northeastern Wichita St 88-91 Indiana St 61-68 48-65 Creighton

Bradley Texas-San Antonio 78-76 Drake S Illinois 58-67 Tulsa Wichita St 90-110

86-99 69-78 Drake Creighton Bradley 64-57 S Illinois

68-66 55-61 Illinois St Texas-San Antonio 58-74 64-77 Illinois St Indiana St 70-62 Tufsa 69-74

### WEST VIRGINIA

1985-86 SCHEDULE N22-24 NIT Classic N26 Indiana, PA at Auburn at Marshall 03 09 St. Joseph's Maryland Pittsburgh Di D21

at Virginia Tech at Duquesne Rutgers at George Mason at St. Bonaventure at Penn St 19

G. Washington

J16

J20 J23 Towson St at Rhode Island J25 J27 at Massachusetts at St. Joseph's M Tennessee St at Rutgers FR Penn St St. Bonaventure at George Washington F13 at Temple Massachusetts F22 Rhode Island 1984-85 RESULTS

Indiana, PA Maryland Ohio Wesleyan Robert Morris 47-56 70-65 Marshall Pittsburgh Virginia Tech 63-65 58-59 67-71 Auburn George Washington 51-50 St. Joseph's Rhode Island Massachusetts 82-59 72-62 64-58 Duquesne St. Bonaventure VCII

60-72 Penn St Temple 61-57 76-71 Rutgers Temple Duquesne 85-61 Rutgers St. Bonaventure 54-50 75-65 76-74 Penn St Massachusetts 76-69 Rhode Island Joseph's

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J30

Virginia WESTERN CAROLINA

George Washington

1985-86 SCHEDULE N Carolina St at Kansas at Florida St 0 9 N Carolina-Char Radford Atlantic Christian 020 at Augusta at Radford Methodist J11 J13 at Furman at Davidson E Tennessee St Appalachian St J18 J20 J22 J25 J27

at Tennessee-Chatt at VMI at Marshall Davidson Tennessee-Chatt. at The Citadel Furman Appalachian St

at E Tennessee St F10 Marshall VMI F15 F20 F22 Augusta The Citadel F24 Campbell 1984-85 RESULTS 69-68

Milligan N Carolina-Wilm. 66-77 67-103 Appalachian St N Carolina St 93-62 57-54 Methodist Guilford Augusta Kansas 85-90 62-79 Tennessee-Chatt 69-81 66-61 86-65 Furman E Tennessee St 84-63 Campbell

VMI Marshall 69-83 Augusta Appalachian St Radford 79-73 77-81 58-57 Davidson Appalachian St 70-73 The Citadel 64-69 Furman Tennessee-Chatt

66-69 85-91 The Citadel 61-54 95-74 VMI E Tennessee St Davidson 78-68 68-78 63-65 Marshall VMI

### WESTERN KENTUCKY

1985-86 SCHEDULE Samford Cincinnati 0.2 S Illinois Wendy's Classic M Tennessee St D6-7 D 9 Columbus

at Morehead St D21 Virginia Tech J 6 J11 J13 Murray St S Florida at Tennessee St J16 at Alabama-Birm J20 122 Dayton J25 J27 Alahama-Birm at Louisville at N Carolina-Char 130 S Alabama F 3 Jacksonville at Old Dominion N Carolina-Char at Jacksonville S Florida F17 at S Alabama

F20 F22 Old Dominion at VCU 1984-85 RESULTS 93-57 Augusta Livingston St. Francis (PA) 78-38 83-67 54-59 Louisiana Tech Evansville 57-80 Indiana 70-47 Stetson M Tennessee Morehead St 80-49 73-67 75-64 58-72 Old Dominiar Jacksonville VCU 76-84 51-53 64-77 Old Dominion Dayton S Alabama Alabama-Birm Tennessee St 86-56 65-69 68-73 Jacksonville S Florida N Carolina-Char 102-67 Murray St E Kentucky 66-59 62-77 67-61 Alabama-Birm. S Florida 64-61 S Alabama VCU 62-85 N Carolina-Char

WESTERN MICHIGAN

Alabama-Birm

76-77

1985-86 SCHEDULE Northwood Oakland N25 N29 at Michigan St at Michigan St N30 at Marquette Valparaiso at DePaul 010 Lake Superior at Michigan C Michigan D12 J 2 at Bowling Green E Michigan J11 at Toledo N Illinois at Kent St J15 J22 Ball St J25 J29 at Miami at Ohio Bowling Green at E Michigan

Toledo at N Illinois Kent St F15 F19 at Ball St Miami F26 Ohio at C Michigan 1984-85 RESULTS

69-51 Oakland Valparaiso Michigan St C Michigan 70-71 90-61 59-83 Lake Sup Michigan DePaul Northwood 65-64 72-64 Toledo Ohio N Illinois C Michigan 84-79 63-66 98-83 81-89 92-93 Kent St Bowling Green 59-80 87-107 87-84

Marquette Ball St E Michigan Miami Ohio 59-82 54-62 91-69 N Illinois C Michigan 71-69 69-84 57-86 Bowling Green 86-77 Ball St 85-88 69-76 E Michigan Miami 89-95 Toledo 64-78 Miam

WICHITA STATE 1985-86 SCHEDULE

N27

Oregon St at Fresno St Pizza Hut Classic D 3 D6-7 SW Louisiana New Orleans 014 D21 Miss State D27-28 BMA Classic Abilene Christian at Creighton at Kansas St Bradley Illinois St at Indiana St J11 J18 at Drake

J20 J25 J30 at Tulsa Southern III at W Texas St Drake Indiana St at S Illinois W Texas St F20 at Illinois St at Bradley Tulsa M 1 Creighton 1984-85 RESULTS 70-6 Lamar Chicago St

49-60 81-83 Pepperdine Oregon 55-56 56-60 McNeese St 70-43 Neb-Omaha 69-80 N Carolina Arizona St 97-66 Hartford W Texas St 83-90 Kansas Bradley 82-79

84-80 Indiana St 81-65 Drake Creighton 82-81 99-86 W Texas St Indiana St 92-76 S Illinois S Illinois

80-56 75-87 Tulsa 64-72 Creighton Illinois St 95-77 Drake 75-65 Bradley 66-67 Tulsa

69-66 S Illinois Indiana St 92-65 84-82 Tulsa 59-67 Georgia

WILLIAM & MARY 1985-86 SCHEDULE

at Towson St Duke N26 N30 Drexel at Old Dominion C Newport D27-28 Krystal Classic J 4 at Richmond J 4 J 8 at Virginia NC-Wilmington E Carolina Old Dominion at James Madison .115 J20 at George Mason VMI Navy at Va. C'wealth Richmond J29 George Mason

at NC Wilmington at E Carolina James Madison at Navy at American at Lafayette

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F26

1984-85 RESULTS 60-92 Duke

81-65 Drexel Virginia Old Dominion 54-53 85-45 Chris Newport 55-68 lona N Hampshire 47-64 Wake Forest

67-53 79-68 E Carolina NC Wilmington Navy Lafayette George Mason 59-70 58-57 63-62 76-82 Richmond 62-64 American Delaware 72-61

James Madison VMI 78-70 48-50 80-71 E Carolina Navy American 60-84 58-72 Old Dominion

George Mason NC Wilmington

71-60 James Madison 59-68 Richmond

> WISCONSIN 1985-86 SCHEDULE

at S Carolina Los Angeles St N30 Marquette D 2 D 5 D 7 San Francisco Texas St Miami (Fla) at Washingto N Illinois D27-28 Fiesta Bowl Northwestern 19 Ohio St Indiana J16 at Illinois 118 at Purdue

J23 J25 Minnesota lowa at Michigan St J30 at Michigan FA at Indiana at Ohio St F13 Purdue F15 Illinois at Iowa at Minnesota F20 F22

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Yale 65-84 Purdue Illinois 62-63 Michigan St 71-64 Michigan 61-60 N'western 62-75 lowa

62-75 74-85 Minnesota Ohio St 67-81 Indiana 64-74 65-71 Ohio St 67-68 Minnesota

Marquette 55-63 lowa N'western Michigan 54-47 75-84 Michigan St 59-78

Purdue 57-81 Illinois

WYOMING 1985-86 SCHEDULE N22 Northridge N Colorado N30 Nebraska 07 at Colorado Southern Cal D12 Hardin Simmons

D14 D21 at Oregon at Idaho St 023 at Weber St D27-Cowboy Shoot at Louisville J10 J11 New Mexico UTEP Air Force Utah J16 J18

at Hawaii J25 J27 J31 at San Diego St Hawaii at Colorado St at UTEP at New Mexico

San Diego St at Air Force Brigham Young F20 F22 Colorado St. at Utah at Brigham Young 1984-85 RESULTS

91-74 93-74 57-67 S Dakots Seattle Pacific Southern Cal Long Beach 65-79 Nebraska Colorado Hardin-Simmons 72-68

Oregon Boise St Baylor 60-58 55-57 86-84 Temple San Diego St 60-66

57-60 68-63 37-50 Hawaii New Mexico UTEP 59-77 77-75 Air Force 69-60 Utah

65-78 Brigham Young Utah 70-62 54-53 Colorado St

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65-62 UTEP

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J23 125 J31 Dartmouth at Princeton at Penn F14 F15 Columbia Cornell F21 Penn Princeton at Dartmouth F28

at Harvard 1984-85 RESULTS 72-87 Vanderbilt 77-95

Connecticut Dartmouth 110-64 Clark 65-105 58-73 Georgia Crigham Young Holy Cross Vermont Case Western 59-55

73-59 79-64 Trinity New Hampshire 58-49 83-82 Brown 63-79 Army 76-82 Brown

60-57 Manhattan Columbia 55-78 Cornell 71-75 73-87 Harvard Dartmouth Princeton

48-46 66-72 Penn 75-61 Cornell 55-52 77-75 Columbia Penn

61-65 Princeton 70-69 Harvard

YOUNGSTOWN ST

1985-86 SCHEDULE Clarion U at E Michigan N25 at St. Louis at Cleveland St at Michigan N30 D 4 D 8 D14 St. Mary N lowa at S Alabama D17 D28 D30

-21 Bayou Classic C Michigan Morgan St J 4 J11 Akron Morehead St 113 E Kentucky at Murray St J18 at Austin Peay at Mid Tenn St J20

J25 J27 at Tenn Tech at Akron Tenn Tech Mid Tenn St at E Kentucky at Morehead St F10 F15 Austin Peay Murray St

F24

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# **NBA PREVIEW**

It's been said that repetition dulls affect. NBA fans had better hope that's not true, because if it is, there's gonna be a lot of yawning in the stands this year!

Yes, folks, the same four teams that dominated the NBA scene last year -- Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia and Milwaukee -- will again rule the roost this season. In fact, the Lakers may again run away with everything now that they've finally gotten the Boston monkey off their backs. When L.A. defeated the Celtics in six games last year, it was the first time in eight tries that a Laker team had defeated Boston in the Championship Series.

Once again, the World Champion Lakers appear to be the class of the Western Conference, although Houston and Dallas could give them a run for their money. Over in the East, it's a three-way battle between perennial favorites Boston. Milwaukee and the Sixers.

The benchless Boston Celtics rate as slim favorites to win the Atlantic Division behind the play of Larry Bird and Kevin McHale, although the Sixers look to be primed for a run at Boston's dominance of the past two seasons. Philadelphia has the brutal combo of Moses Malone and Charles Barkley up front, and if new head coach Matt Goukas can squeeze another good year out of Julius Erving, who knows how far the 76ers could go. Battling it out for the 3-4 spots are the New York Knicks and the New Jersey Nets. With Patrick Ewing joining a healthy Knick team, things should go well in the Big Apple. Although not a bad outfit, the Washington Bullets appear to be headed for the basement of the rugged Atlantic.

In the Central Division nothing short of a machine gun could prevent the Milwaukee Bucks from nailing down their seventh consecutive first place finish. Considering the awesome defense this team plays, we have to consider Milwaukee the odds-on-favorite to win the Eastern Conference and thus earn the right to play the Lakers for all the marbles. Finishing second in the Central should be Michael Jordan and his Chicago Bulls, just barely ahead of the unpredictable Detroit Pistons. Look for Cleveland to place fourth again, with the young Indiana Pacers edging the fast-fading Atlanta Hawks for fifth place.

In the Midwest Division, the powerful young Houston Rockets should move up to the top spot led by the heroics of Ralph Sampson and Akeem Olajuwon. We look for Dallas to finish second, just edging last year's Champion Denver Nuggets who rate a solid third. Quite a ways back in fourth is Utah, while San Antonio should fall to fifth this season. The Sacramento Kings seem likely to bring up the rear.

Out West, the L.A. Lakers are head and shoulders above the rest. In fact, the Lakers seem destined to nail down their fifth consecutive Western Conference Championship, probably on their way to repeating as NBA Champs. The healthy Phoenix Suns rate as our choice

for second, but No. 3 Portland has a legitimate shot at the runnerup spot. Finishing fourth should be the improving Los Angeles Clippers, while fifth place goes to the fading Seattle Supersonics. The Golden State Warriors are looking at a second consecutive trip to the Pacific Division basement.

We look for Boston to face Milwaukee for the Eastern Conference Championship, with the Bucks outlasting the Celtics in seven. Out west, the Lakers should dispose of the upstart Houston Rockets in five or six games. Although a fine team, we don't think Milwaukee has the firepower to knock off the high-flying Lakers. We look for Los Angeles to defeat the Bucks in six games, although you never know what Don Nelson has up his sleeve. But we don't think the Bucks can stop Jabbar, Johnson and Worthy in their drive to a second consecutive NBA Championship.



Larry Bird Boston Celtics

# Stat-Key Rating Table

## For National Basketball Association

### Includes Conference, Division Ranking for Start of 1985-86 Season

PR = Power Rating

HCA = Home Court Advantage

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EAST CONFERENCE Conf. Avg. PR = 110.4	PR	нса
Atlantic Division DIV. AVG. PR = 111.4		
Boston Celtics	114	5
Philadelphia 76ers	114	5
New York Knicks	110	4
New Jersey Nets	110	4
Washington Bullets	109	4
Central Division DIV. AVG. PR = 109.3		
Milwaukee Bucks	114	5
Chicago Bulls	111	4
Detroit Pistons	111	5
Cleveland Cavaliers	108	4
Indiana Pacers	106	4
Atlanta Hawks	106	4

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WEST CONFERENCE Conf. Avg. PR = 109.4	PR	нса
Midwest Division DIV. AVG. PR = 109.2		
Houston Rockets	113	5
Dallas Mavericks	112	4
Denver Nuggets	111	4
Utah Jazz	108	4
San Antonio Spurs	106	3
Sacramento Kings	105	3
Pacific Division DIV. AVG. PR = 109.5		
Los Angeles Lakers	115	5
Phoenix Suns	112	5
Portland Trailblazers	112	5
Los Angeles Clippers	107	3
Seattle Supersonics	106	4
Golden State Warriors	105	4

(Refer to page 10 for details on Using and Updating Stat-Key Ratings.)

## ROOKIE DRAFT ANALYSIS

ATLANTA HAWKS-Once one of the powers of the Central Division, the Atlanta Hawks have really begun to fade and they're expected to hit rock bottom this season. The Atlanta front office is well aware of their team's need for new blood and this year's draft will provide a good head start in the right direction. The No. 1 pick is big 7-0 center JON KONCAK (SMU), a player who could have enormous impact. Koncak is likely to be a starter from day one for the Hawks. The Hawks may have made one of the great "steals" in the draft by selecting 6-8 forward LORENZO CHARLES (NC State) in the second round. Frankly, we were surprised to see this two-time All-ACC pick available that late, but he should have no trouble sticking with Atlanta. Charles should provide adequate depth at both forward positions. The Hawks selected two solid backcourt men in the third and fourth rounds in 6-3 SEDRIC TONEY (Dayton) and 6-2 JOHN BATTLE (Rutgers). Both Toney and Battle were impressive in summer league action, and both have a good chance of making the club as reserve guards. The Hawks chose three other backcourt players, all of whom stand little or no chance of making the team. That guard trio in-cludes 6-4 BOB FERRY (Howard), 6-3 TONY DUCKETT (Lafayette) and 6-3 LARRY HAMPTON (Fairleigh-Dickinson). The only other big man chosen was center ARVIDAS SARBONIS, a former member of the Soviet National Team. In summary, the Hawks needed a big draft, and although they may not have gotten a Michael Jordan or Patrick Ewing, Atlanta got some quality players who are sure to help their ballclub. Koncak and Charles should contribute in a big way almost immediately.

ATLANTA DRAFT GRADE: A-

BOSTON CELTICS-Few will question the statement that the Boston Celtics have what may be the best starting five in the NBA. Even fewer will doubt the fact that Larry Bird is the best player in the league. If you accept these things as being true, then the Celts mush have the best team in the league. Wrong! Never was the Celtics lack of quality depth more evident than in the NBA finals when a deep and talented Lakers team just pounded the Boston starters into submission. You need a team just pounded the Boston starters into submission. You need a bench, Red Auerbach, and although this year's draft may help, it's not nearly enough. The Celtics did pick up an outstanding talent in the first round in 6-2 SAM VINCENT (Michigan State), one of the best backcourt players in the collegiate ranks a year ago. However, it's not yet known whether Vincent will be a point or No. 2 guard in the NBA. The Celtics next pick didn't come until the fourth round when they selected 6-3 guard ANDRE BATTLE (Loyola, Chi.), a potential sleeper who could make the team this year. Boston really needed help up front, so they used their remaining picks to select a trio of forwards in 6.9 CHRIS REMLEY (Rutgers), 6.6 RALPH LEWIS (LaSalle) and 6.9 ALBERT BUTTS (LaSalle). We have very serious doubts about the ability of any of those three to make it in the NBA. Lewis and Butts are solid rebounders, and Remley's a good shooter, but none of them have the all-around game to be an NBA caliber player. Boston really needed a big draft, but they didn't have the picks necessary to accomplish that feat. The Celtics did pick up one certain contributor in Vincent and another fine prospect in the sharpshooting Battle, but it won't be enough to bolster a weak Boston bench.

**BOSTON DRAFT GRADE: C** 

CHICAGO BULLS-Chicago has done quite well in the draft as of late, especially last year when they picked up eventual NBA Rookie of the Year Michael Jordan, one of the most exciting players to ever don a uniform. The Bulls' front office was interested in repeating last year's success and kept quite busy over the summer. In separate deals, the Bulls traded away veterans Enis Whatley, Steve Johnson and their top two draft choices, 6-10 Keith Lee (Memphis State) and 6-8 Ken Johnson (Michigan State). In return, Chicago picked up Gene Banks and three other early draft choices. The No. 1 pick they received is 6-9 CHARLES OAKLEY (Virginia Union), the Division II player of the year last season. The book is still out on Oakley, but he's expected to at least provide depth at the forward position. Big 7-0 center MIKE SMEREK (Canisius) was a surprise second round choice who the Bulls project as a solid backup in the pivot. Talented 6-3 guard CALVIN DUNCAN (VCU) is another No. 2 pick who should make the team as a backcourt reserve. Chicago used their other stockpiled picks to select 6-4 point man AUBREY SHERROD (Wichita State) and 6-8 swingman ADRIAN BRANCH (Maryland), the latter of whom should make a fine NBA player. Other backcourt players of note selected by the Bulls include 6-7 REID Other backcourt players of note selected by the Buils include 6-7 kEip GETTYS (Houston) and 6-5 JEFF ADKINS (Maryland), both of whom will have a hard time making the team. Up front, Chicago selected 6-10 center/forward MIKE BROWN (George Washington) and 6-7 brulser DANNY MEAGHER (Duke), the latter being a former member of the Canadian Olympic Team. The Bulls did not pick up any Jordans in this draft, but what they did get is several players with a decent chance at making the team and contributing. We feel that as many as five rookies could make the club this year, and that would make the Bulls one of the voluncest teams in the NBA youngest teams in the NBA.

CHICAGO DRAFT GRADE: B+

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—The Cavaller front office has never been known as the wisest in the land. Much of the franchise's problems over the years have been a direct result of a failure to utilize their favorable draft positions. This year, the Cavs took their chances and dealt their first two picks, 6-9 Charles Oakley (Virginia Union) and 6-3 Calvin Duncan (VCU), to the Bulls for veteran guard Enis Whatley and 6-10 KEITH LEE (Memphis State), Chicago's No. 1 pick this year. Lee is a young man of enormous potential who Cleveland is counting on to contribute a great deal this season. Many of the experts doubt Lee's head and heart, if not his ability. We feel that Lee goes into this season as a bit of a question mark because of an alleged lack of desire. With the exception of Lee, no other player drafted by Cleveland is sure to make the team. Big 6-10 power forward HERB JOHNSON (Tulsa) has a decent chance at sticking as a reserve up front. In the backcourt, Cleveland selected 6-5 Mark Davis (Old Dominion) and 6-5 RICHIE JOHNSON (Illinois State), a pair of college fowards who'll have to make the switch to guard if they're to play in the NBA. Also chosen at guard was 6-5 BUZZ PETERSON (North Carolina), a four year non-regular in college. Cleveland also selected a couple of mystery men in 7-3 center GUNTHER BEHNKE and 6-8 JOHN WILLIAMS (Tulane). Big Behnke is a former native of West Germany who spent a week at Kentucky University last season before becoming homesick and going back to his homeland. Behnke is definitely an unproven commodity. Williams, the former Tulane star, has been accurated of point showing in the been accused of point shaving in the now infamous scandal at that University; he has the potential to be a fine player for Cleveland, but only If he can clear up all of his personal problems.

CLEVELAND DRAFT GRADE: C

DALLAS MAVERICKS-Over the last five years, the Dallas Mavericks have been one of the few NBA teams to have consistently productive drafts. Using three stockpiled first round picks the Mays front office has come up with yet another outstanding draft. The best of this year's crop is 6.9 DETLEF SCHREMPF (Washington), one of the most versatile players the game has ever seen. During his collegiate career, Schrempt played all five positions at one time or another. This former resident of West Germany is certain to make the team, and he's expected to fill primarily at small forward and big guard. Dallas used their next two first round picks to go after a badly-needed big man, and they're hoping that either 7-0 BILL WENNINGTON (St. John's) or 7-3 UWE BLAB (Indiana) will step forward as the starting center. Both should see plenty of action, but Wennington is being seriously considered for starting duty. The Mavs only second round pick is 6-10 big forward MARK ACRES (Oral Roberts), a fine player who has a decent chance of making the team. Other big men selected in the later rounds include 6-10 LEONARD ALLEN (San Diego St) and 6-8 ED CATCHINGS (UNLV), neither of whom are expected to seriously challenge for a roster spot. Four fine backcourters were selected in the later rounds, all of whom have an outside shot of joining the Mavericks. The best bet to make the grade at guard is unheralded 6-3 HAROLD KEELING (Santa Clara), although 6-4 shooter TOMMY DAVIS (Minnesota) isn't far behind. Ditto for 6-4 CARLTON COOPER (Texas) and 5-10 BUBBA JENNINGS (Texas Tech), the latter of whom may find things difficult in the NBA due to his lack of size. All things considered, this was a great draft for the Mavs, as they picked up more than a half dozen players who we feel could play in the

DALLAS DRAFT GRADE: A

DENVER NUGGETS-It's kind of hard to pinpoint just how good the Denver front office is. Last year's blockbuster trade with Portland may have been the deal of the century, as the Nuggets became competitive for the first time in years. However, things haven't gone quite as well with their annual rookie draft selections, which often turn up questionable NBA prospects. Once again there are several question marks in this year's draft. First rounder 7-0 BLAIR RASMUSSEN (Oregon) is an accomplished offensive pivotman, but his defense and rebounding leave much to be desired. Plus it's hard to imagine a plodding type like Rasmussen playing in the Nuggets fast break offense. Second round pick 6-5 BARRY STEVENS (lowa State) was an offensive force at forward in college, but if he's to make it in the NBA, he'll have to switch to the big guard spot. Fighting it out with Stevens as the only other guard big guard spot. Fighting it out with Stevens as the only other guard drafted is 6-4 KENNY BROWN (Texas A&M), whose chances of making the Nuggets aren't very good. Up front the Nuggets made a very questionable move when they selected 6-8 JOE CARRABINO (Harvard), a young man who played the pivot in college against inferior competition. Carrabino is projected as a power forward in the pro ranks. Denver also selected the Arizona University due of 6-8 PETE WILLIAMS and 6-7 ED SUE SMITH polither of whom are expected to make the team. The Nug-DIE SMITH, neither of whom are expected to make the team. The Nuggets did get two solid players in Rasmussen and Stevens, but it remains to be seen whether or not they'll fit in on this ballclub. Until that's determined, it's thumbs down on this year's draft in Denver.

DENVER DRAFT GRADE: C-

DETROIT PISTONS-Last year's rookie corps was supposed to help the Pistons a great deal, but as last season proved, the experts are often wrong where young players are concerned. Only one rookle made the Pistons last year, and that was 6-7 forward Tony Campbell, who was a major disappointment. Needless to say, Detroit was hoping for a much more successful outing in this year's draft. They took a major step towards accomplishing that goal when they made 6-3 guard JOE DUMARS (McNeese State) their number one draft pick for 1985. Dumars went pretty much unnoticed in college, but he's a real sleeper who should fit in quite nicely in the Jittery Piston backcourt. Detroit did not have a number two choice and that really hurt their draft effort. The next player selected was 6-10 strong forward ANDRE GOODE (Northwestern), who we don't see making it in the NBA. Standing a better chance at making the grade is 6-9 multi-talented forward RICHIE JOHNSON (Evansville), who like Dumars is a potential sleeper.
Diminutive 5-7 point guard ANTHONY "SPUD" WEBB (North Carolina State) is the team's No. 4 selection, but his height might be a severe hindrance in his quest for NBA pay. Still, Webb is a marvelous athlete who at least deserves a fair shot at making the team. The Pistons used their late round picks to go after frontline help, selecting the trio of 6-11 center MIKE LAHM (Murray State), 6-9 power forward VINCENT GILES (Eastern Michigan) and 6-6 swingman FRANK "SPOON" JAMES (UNLV). Although this draft has good potential, there are several question marks surrounding guys like Johnson, Goode and Webb. As far as we can see, only Dumars is a solid bet to make it this season.

DETROIT DRAFT GRADE: C

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS-Without a doubt, the Golden State franchise has been heading in the wrong direction for the past few seasons. In just a few short years, the Warriors have gone from top notch contenders to third-rate pretenders! General Manager Al Attles took some steps in the right direction last year by bringing in a trio of fine rookles in guards Othell Wilson, Steve Burtt and surprising forward Gary Plummer. Once again the Warriors have dipped into the college ranks with more than moderate success. This year's first round pick is an almost certain starter at guard for Golden State following a fine collegiate career at St. John's, We're of course referring to 6-6 CHRIS MULLIN, a former National College Player-of-the-Year. Mullin possesses an incredibly versatile game that's often been compared to that of Larry Bird. Now that's praise! The team's No. 2 and 3 picks have a good chance at making the squad as frontline reserves, and they are 6-9 BOBBY LEE HURT (Alabama) and 6-11 BRAD WRIGHT (UCLA), Also hoping to stick with the Warriors up front is rugged 6-10 GREG CAVENER (Missouri), who reminds some people of San Antonio's Marc lavaroni. At guard 6-1 point man LUSTER GOODWIN (UTEP) has an excellent shot at making the team despite being picked in the fourth round. Other backline draftees of note include 6-3 GERALD CROSBY (Georgia) and 6-3 ERIC BOYD, a potential sleeper out of North Carolina A&T. We like Boyd's chances of making the Warriors, he's likely to be a much better player in the up tempo pro game. With Mullin coming aboard, this has to be considered a good draft for Golden State.

GOLDEN STATE DRAFT GRADE: B+

HOUSTON ROCKETS-After two outstanding drafts that saw the Rockets put together what one day may be the best front line in NBA history in Akeem Olajuwon, Ralph Sampson and Rodney McCray, Houston will have to settle for just an average rookle crop this year. The Rockets did manage to pick up one bonafide NBA performer in 6-5 guard STEVE HARRIS (Tulsa), perhaps the most underrated player in the college ranks a year ago. On offense Harris can do it all, shoot, pass, rebound, you name it he can do it, and from both guard spots to boot! His defense is a bit weak, but he's a fine athlete who in time should develop into a solid defender. Joining Harris as the only other rookie guard in camp will be 6-3 MICHAEL BROOKS (Tennessee), kind of an all-around player who doesn't really do anything particularly well. Brooks might have a tough time making the roster. The best of the frontline rookies might be unheralded 6-8 forward SAM MITCHELL (Mercer), who was very impressive for the Rockets rookie league team last summer. Perhaps the best known draftee this year is 6-11 big foward MICHAEL PAYNE (lowa), the second part of the Hawkeyes infamous Twin Towers. Payne stands a pretty good chance at sticking with Houston, while rating as long-shots to make the team are 6-7 SAM POTTER (Oral Roberts) and 6-8 DON TURNEY (Marshall), both of whom will try to stick as forwards in a reserve capacity. There's no Akeem or Sampson in this draft, but Houston did manage to pick up a fine prospect in Steve Harris despite their relatively late draft time.

HOUSTON DRAFT GRADE: C+

INDIANA PACERS—You just had to laugh at the NBA Draft Lottery this summer, especially when it came down to the last two teams, New York and Indiana, the winner of whom would earn the right to draft Patrick Ewing. Well, poor Indiana lost and they had to "settle" for 6-9 power forward WAYMAN TISDALE (Oklahoma), only one of the greatest scorers the college game has ever known. Tisdale, a hardship case who left after his junior year, is expected to be a starter from day one in Indiana. As soon as he gets used to playing facing the basket, this young man is going to be dynamite. Don't be too shocked if Wayman beats out Ewing for Rookle-of-the-Year honors this season. As if getting Tisdale wasn't "bad" enough, the Pacers went out and used their two second round picks to select 6-7 forward BILLY MARTIN (Georgetown) and 6-6 swingman DWAYNE MCCLAIN (Villanova), both of whom will make the team and contribute significantly this season. Both Martin and "D Train" McClain have played on NCAA championship teams, so one

would think that they've got a winning mentality. The Pacers also drafted two outstanding guards in 6-2 point man KENNY PATTERSON (DePaul) and versatile 6-4 off guard VINCENT HAMILTON (Clemson), both of whom have a decent shot at making the team. Other guards drafted include 6-4 STU PRIMUS (Boston College) and 6-2 KELVIN JOHNSON (Richmond), neither of whom are expected to make the In-diana roster. Up front, the Pacers drafted 6-9 JEFF ACRES (Oral Roberts) and 6-8 IVAN DANIELS (Illinois-Chicago), a duo who'll have great difficulty in making it in the NBA. The Pacers picked up a potential superstar in Tisdale and two very solid players in Martin and the exciting Dwayne McClain. Throw in two other decent prospects like Patterson and Hamilton, and it all adds up to what may be the best draft of any team in the NBA this season.
INDIANA DRAFT GRADE: A

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—In their early years, the Clippers were notorious for not taking advantage of their early draft positions. Last year they reversed that trend by picking up Lancaster Gordon and Michael Cage, a pair of fine young players who L.A. can build on for the future. Drafting third overall this year, it was pretty hard for the Clipper front office to foul this one up. Coming aboard as their No. 1 pick is talented 7-0 center BENOIT BENJAMIN (Creighton), a junior eligible who learned his trade under former All-Pro Willis Reed in college. Benjamin was just dominant a year ago, displaying outstanding offensive capabilities and the best defense west of Washington D.C., the home of the illustrious Patrick Ewing. Although he needs some time to develop, the overwhelming feeling is that Benjamin is the kind of guy who'll bring you a Championship some day. Unfortunately the rest of the Clipper draft was highly unproductive yielding just five forwards and no guards, with none of the five expected to make the team. The best of the rest may be 6-8 bruiser ANICET LAVODRAMA (Houston Baptist), who didn't exactly get the big headlines in college. We feel that 6-8 WAYNE CARLANDER (USC) could stick on as a reserve forward, but his defense leaves much to be desired. The trio of 6-9 JIM DEINES (Arizona State), 6-6 MALCOLM THOMAS (Missouri) and 6-8 GARY MALONCON (UCLA) all stand little or no chance of making the Clipper roster. If it weren't for Benjamin, this would be a pretty mediocre draft, but with Big Ben coming aboard the Clippers can't be all that upset with their situation. Watch out for Benjamin in the near future, he should be a real dandy in the pivot.

L.A. CLIPPERS DRAFT GRADE: B+

LOS ANGELES LAKERS-The Lakers really haven't done very well in the draft over the past few years. In fact, not since James Worthy came to L.A. have the Lakers received any major help from their draft. All of that may have changed somewhat this year, however, as the Lakers picked up at least one certain NBA caliber player. First rounder 6-9 A.C. GREEN (Oregon State) comes to Los Angeles after earning All-American honors in college. Green was also named PAC-10 Player-of-the-Year following his junior year. A.C. is expected to fill in at both forward positions for coach Pat Riley, and with his wide-open style of play, he should fit right in with the rest of the Lakers. Los Angeles did not select again until late in the fourth round when they picked 6-2 DEXTER SHOUSE (South Alabama), a solid point guard who could unseat Ronnie Lester for a roster spot. The Lakers took just three players after Shouse, all of whom stand a snowball's chance in hell of making this talented Laker team. Up front Los Angeles tabbed 6-6 forward TONY NEAL (Fullerton State), while in the backcourt 6-4 KEITH CIEPLICKI (William & Mary) was selected in the later rounds. Perhaps the best among the remaining draftees is 6-6 swingman TIMO SAARELAINEN (Brigham Young), a former member of the Finnish Olympic Team. This is certainly not a great draft, but in Green the Lakers did pick up yet another quick forward who can get out on the break in a hurry.

L.A. LAKERS DRAFT GRADE: C-

MILWAUKEE BUCKS-The Bucks had kind of a strange draft this year. Part of the problem was that because of earlier trades they just didn't have enough draft choices. Fortunately, they did have a choice in the first round, a pick they used to select 6-8 swingman JERRY "ICE" REYNOLDS (LSU), who leaves the college ranks following his junior year. Reynolds was not expected to be a first rounder, but he performed brilliantly in post-season All-Star games last spring, thus impressing many NBA teams. Reynolds is a very talented young man and we really like his ability, but we're not too sold on his attitude. I guess if anybody can straighten him out, it's Bucks Coach Don Nelson. Milwaukee used their remaining picks to go after front line help, in fact no "true" guards were selected in their entire draft. The Bucks are quite high on the ability of 6-8 EUGENE MCDOWELL (Florida), but he'll have to first prove that he can play forward after a collegiate career in the pivot. Fourth round pick 6-11 center COZELL MCQUEEN (North Carolina State) might have a chance to stick somewhere in the NBA, although it will be awfully tough to make it with the Bucks who have already have about three centers. Passive 6-9 power forward RAY KNIGHT (Providence) was Milwaukee's next selection, and although talented we don't think he has the heart to play in the rugged NBA. Also hoping to make the team as a reserve forward is 6-9 QUENTIN ANDERSON (Texas Tech), but his chances are definitely slim and none. If Reynolds develops into the kind of player we all know he can be, then the Bucks may have made the steal of the en-tire draft getting "Ice" so late in the first round.

MILWAUKEE DRAFT GRADE: C

NEW JERSEY NETS-Of the twenty-three teams in the NBA, only the New Jersey Nets did not have a first round pick. In fact, the Nets front office had to wait through 35 picks before they could finally make a selection midway through the second round. When they finally got their chance, the Nets selected rugged 6-11 center YVON JOSEPH (Georgia Tech), a fine player who was crucial in Tech's drive to the ACC Champlonship last year. But we find this to be a strange choice considering the fact that New Jersey already has Darryl Dawkins, Mike Gminski and George Johnson at center. Then to make matters worse, Joseph is a twenty-eight year old Haitian rookie who's only been playing ball for four years. The more you hear, the more you don't like. Then New Jersey used their other second round pick on another questionable commodity in 6-10 forward FERNANDO MARTIN, a former member of the Spanish Olympic Team. The Nets later selected another big man, 6-11 KELLY BLAINE (South Alabama), who is not expected to make the team this season. New Jersey chose three backcourt players, the best of whom is season, New Jersey chose three backcourt players, the best of whom is 6-7 converted forward NIGEL MIGUEL (UCLA), who finished strongly as a senior after three disappointing campaigns at UCLA. Also selected at guard were 6-3 GEORGE IMONES (Southwestern Louisiana) and 6-0 GARY MCLAIN (Villanova), neither of whom stand a very good chance of making the Nets roster this season. McLain was the unheralded quarterback of last year's NCAA Championship Team. There are really nothing but question marks in this years draft for New Jersey, which is quite surprising considering the vast amount of talent available in the college ranks last year. Only Joseph is likely to make the team, and being honest about it, even he's no bargain!

NEW JERSEY DRAFT GRADE: D+

NEW YORK KNICKS—What can you really say about this year's draft for the New York Knicks? It's just a dream come true for hoop fans in the Big Apple, who after four years of seeing their team, St. John's, get mauleed by this man, will finally be able to side with him instead of against him. Of course we're talking about 7-0 pivotman PATRICK EW-ING (Georgetown), perhaps the greatest center the college game has ever seen. In his four years at Georgetown, Ewing led the Hoyas to three borths in the NCAA Finals. He is a raw talent on offense, but when it comes to defense, there are few if any who can match him. Ewing alone should mean five to ten more victories for the Knicks this season, but with Bill Cartwright and Bernard King healthy, who knows how far this club could go. Ewing is destined to put his place in the history books right next to guys like Russell, Chamberlain and Jabbar. That's a tough act to follow, but the Knicks tried very hard in the second round picking up 6-6 guard GERALD WILKINS (Tennessee-Chattanooga), the younger brother of Hawks star Dominique Wilkins. The younger Wilkins should make the Knicks team as a reserve guard. Other backcourt players selected include 6-6 KENT LOCKHART (Texas-El Paso) and 6-3 FRED COFIELD (Eastern Michigan), both of whom will face a tough road ahead of them in trying to make it with New York. Up front the Knicks drafted 6-8 MIKE SCHLEGEL (Virginia Commonwealth) and 6-7 KENNY BANTUM (Cornell), neither of whom seems likely to make the team this year. Talented youngster Wilkins is like the whipped cream on the sundae, but it's Ewing who makes this a very special draft for the New York Knickerbockers.

#### **NEW YORK DRAFT GRADE: A**

PHILADELPHIA 76ers—Have you ever heard that old adage about the rich getting richer? Well, that saying must have been invented with General Manager Pat Williams and the Philadelphia 76ers in mind. How is it possible that a team drafting nearly last in every round can come up with no fewer than six NBA caliber players in this year's draft? That's typical of the job the Philadelphia front office does from year to year. The team's No. 1 pick this year is 6-8 forward TERRY CATLEDGE (South Alabama), who was a virtual steal to be around as late as he was. Catledge should contribute immediately. Ditto for 6-10 forward GREG STOKES (lowa), a multi-talented big man who should develop into a fine pro. The Sixers used their other second round pick to select 6-8 sleeper forward VOISE WINTERS (Bradley), a young man who didn't get much press in college, but believe us this guy can play! In one game last year against Creighton, Winters had the versatility to score 30 points on one end of the floor, and guard a much bigger Benoit Benjamin on the other end of the court. If Winters doesn't stick with the Sixers, he'll certainly land an NBA job somewhere. Next came 6-4 shooter STEVE BLACK (LaSalle), who can be a dynamite player when he's healthy. In the next round, Philly took 6-8 forward DERRICK GERVIN (Texas-San Antonio), the younger brother of the infamous Iceman George Gervin. Next came hardship case 6-5 guard CARL WRIGHT (SMU), who like Gervin is an immensely talented offensive player. Apparently the reason Gervin and Wright lasted so long in the draft is because the two are suspected of having slight attitude problems, and not too many teams want to deal with that. But if their heads are screwed on right, Gervin and Wright should turn out to be better than average NBA players. It doesn't seem possible that all six of these players will make it with the Sixers, but those who don't we expect will earn NBA pay somewhere around the

#### PHILADELPHIA DRAFT GRADE: A-

PHOENIX SUNS—Coach John MacLeod has been trying to put the emphasis on youth for the Phoenix Suns over the past few seasons. Last year's draft brought in two fine rookies in point guard Jay Humphries and post man Charles Jones, thus marking a good beginning in the Suns rebuilding Job. With any luck at all, this year's rookie crop should prove to be at least as rewarding as last season's. Phoenix picked up a real gem in 6-10 first rounder EDDIE PINCKNEY (Villanova), an immensely talented young man who could develop into a dominant NBA player. Pinckney has the versatility to play all three frontline positions, but we

seem to think his future is at the small forward spot, much in the tradition of current 6-10 Suns star Larry Nance. NO. 2 pick NICK VANOS (Santa Barbara) has a decent chance of making the team as a reserve center, but the 7-2 big man must work on his foot speed and defense. Third round pick 6-5 JERRY EVERETT (Lamar) will try to stick on as a reserve guard, but the Suns already have five veteran guards on the roster. Still, we feel that the talented Everett has a pretty good chance at unseating one of the Suns' incumbent backcourt players. Also hoping to make the Suns at guard is 6-5 CHARLES RAYNE (Temple), whose chances of earning NBA pay are slim and none. Up front, Phoenix selected a trio of big men, all of whom stand little or no chance of making the roster. The best of the three is 6-8 GRANGER HALL (Temple), a former All-American forward in his collegiate days. Hall has yet to impress NBA scouts who feel that the former Temple star does not possess the all-around game to make it in the NBA. At the very best, 7-1 center SHAWN CAMPBELL (Weber State) and 6-8 forward GEORGI GLOUCKOV rate as extreme long shots to make the Suns roster the season. Glouckov is a former member of the Bulgarlan National Team. Although he's the only one certain to make it, E.Z. Eddie Pinckney makes this a very special draft for the Phoenix Suns.

PHOENIX DRAFT GRADE: B

PORTLAND TRAIL BLAZERS-The Portland front office faced the difficult task this summer of trying to match last year's outstanding draft effort. Four excellent rookies made the Portland roster last year, center Sam Bowie, forward Jerome Kersey and guards Steve Colfer and Bernard Thompson. It seems unlikely that four more draft choices will make the team this year, although Portland did draft five players will make the team this year, although Portland did draft five players with the potential to make it in the NBA. One guy almost certain to make it is first rounder TERRY PORTER, a 6-3 guard from little-known Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Porter is considered to be a sleeper by many NBA scouts, but we're not too sold on the level of competition he faced in college. Talented 6-8 forward KEN JOHNSON (Michigan State) appears to be an NBA caliber player, but he'll have a difficult time making the Trail Blazers roster which is filled with quality forwards. Rugged 6-8 forward GEORGE MONTGOMERY (Illinois) has a decent shot at sticking, but he'll have to make the switch from playing in the pivot in college. Also having an outside shot at making the team is 6-7 forward JOE ATKIN-SON (Oklahoma State) and 6-5 swingman PERRY YOUNG (Virginia Tech). Young may have the better chance at cutting it considering the Trail Blazers lack of depth in the backcourt. Other backcourters trying to make the Portland roster include 6-4 CURTIS MOORE (Nebraska) and 6-3 MARK OWEN (Idaho), neither of whom are expected to ever earn NBA jobs. Also in the hunt is unheralded 6-7 forward JAMES ANDERSON out of Union College in Kentucky. Anderson's chances of making the team are slim and none! Last year's draft was truly outstanding, easily one of the top five rookie crops of the 84-85 season. This year's class is almost certain to fall short of what last season's rookies achieved, although there were some potentially fine players selected. Of course, potential is one of those scary words that often brings about bitter disappoint-

#### PORTLAND DRAFT GRADE: C

SACRAMENTO KINGS—Things haven't really been going too well for this franchise as of late, but they're hoping things will turn around now that the team has moved to California. Maybe the Kings' front office would be better off concentating on their next few drafts, which if successful, could seriously alter the future fortunes of this team. Selecting sixth overall, the Kings used their first round pick to select one of the best big men available in rugged 6-11 JOE KLEINE (Arkansas), a former member of our 1984 Olympic Team. Kleine could start for Sacramento at either center or power forward, but either way he's bound to see plenty of action as a rookie. Kleine is expected to be a fine NBA player in the very near future. This year's draft yielded two guards capable of making the team in the duo of 6-6 CHARLIE BRADLEY (South Florida) and 5-10 point guard MICHAEL ADAMS (Boston College), although both players will be hurt by a definite lack of consistency. Along with Kleine, Sacramento picked up two other big men who have an outside shot at making the club — 6-11 WILLIE SIMMONS (Louislana Tech) and 6-11 ALTON LEE GIPSON (Florida State). The Kings also selected a pair of small forwards who could definitely make the team considering Sacramento's lack of depth at that position. Former Arkansas star 6-6 CHARLES BALENTINE has a pretty good shot at sticking, and we like the potential of 6-7 sleeper BOB LOJEWSKI (St. Joseph's). Lojewski is an outstanding outside shooter, although he may lack the natural foot speed to play in the NBA. Overall this was a fairly solid draft for this new west coast franchise, and this is one team that can use all the help it can get.

#### SACRAMENTO DRAFT GRADE: B+

SAN ANTONIO SPURS—Age has been creeping up on some of the Spurs' key performers as of late, especially All-Pros George Gervin and Artis Gilmore. The San Antonio front office faces the difficult task of trying to rebuild a fallen organization. Last year's draft brought in two good young prospects in guard Alvin Robertson and center Ozell Jones, but much more is needed if the Spurs are to again become a winning team. The Spurs had to have a big draft this year, but we're afraid they've made some very poor selections over the summer. According to many NBA experts, the Spurs may have wasted their first round pick when they selected 6-5 swingman ALFREDERICK HUGHES (Loyola Chicago), perhaps one of the greatest pure scorers the college game has even. Unfortunately there are some serious doubts about Hughes ability to play in the NBA. Hughes may be too small to play forward and pro-

bably lacks the ballhandling and passing skills to play guard. We also question the NBA future of second rounder 7-0 center MIKE BRITTAIN (South Carolina). Brittain apparently lacks the necessary foot speed to play in the NBA, yet the Spurs are quite high on the youngster. At the very best, we see Brittain sticking with the team in a reserve capacity. Perhaps the best prospect in this year's draft is 6-6 swingman TYRONE CORBIN (DePaul), a fine athlete who should fit in very well in the uptempo NBA. Other frontline rookies with an outside shot at making the team include 6-8 SCOTT ROTH (Wisconsin) and 6-10 CLAYTON OLIVER (USC). At guard San Antonio also selected 6-1 AL YOUNG (Virginia Tech) and 6-2 CHRIS HARPER (Oregon), who at the very best rate as longshots to make the club this season. There are some serious doubts surrounding the ability of both Hughes and Brittain to make it in the NBA and for that major reason, this cannot be considered a good draft for the San Antonio Spurs.

SAN ANTONIO DRAFT GRADE: C-

SEATTLE SUPERSONICS-The fading Seattle Supersonics really needed a big draft this year, and although they didn't get everything they needed, the Sonics could have done a lot worse last summer. Seattle may have selected this season's future Rookie-of-the-Year in 6-7 forward XAVIER MCDANIEL (Wichita State), an immensely talented young man who should be a starter from day one for the Supersonics. McDaniel didn't get much publicity in college, but during his senior year he led the nation in both scoring and rebounding, a feat never before accomplished. NBA fans are going to be very surprised when they see McDaniel for the first time; this young man is a player! Seattle did not have a second round pick this sesaon, but they did use their third round choice to select 6-3 guard ROLANDO LAMB (Virginia Commonwealth), a fine player who should make the team this fall. Lamb could develop into a very good guard if he can improve his jump shot; his defense is just outstanding. The Sonics then went after frontline help and selected a pair of sleeper forwards who we feel could make it on the depleted Seat-tle roster. Both 6-8 ALEX STIVRINS (Colorado) and 6-9 LOU STEFANOVIC (Illinois State) come to the Sonics with fine college credentials, although neither Stivrins nor Stefanovic are particularly quick, something that could really hurt them in their quest to make the squad. Considered to have little or no chance of making the team are 6-8 forward EARL WALKER (Mercer) and 6-2 guard MICHAEL PHELPS (Alcorn State). As you might have guessed, we're rather high on the potential of Xavier McDaniel, who we feel may be a future superstar in this league. The Sonics also got a trio of solid prospects in Lamb, Stivrins and Stefanovic, all of whom have a good chance at making the grade with the weak Sonics

SEATTLE DRAFT GRADE: B+

UTAH JAZZ—The Utah Jazz did not do very well in last year's draft, picking up just reserve guard John Stockton. Well, the Jazz had a much better draft position this year, and as a result they picked up two certain

NBA caliber players and a handful of other potential prospects. Utah may have snagged a real sleeper in first rounder 6-9 KARL MALONE (Louisiana Tech), a fine power forward who is expected to contribute in a big way this season. You may not have heard much about Malone, but he's a talented young man who should develop into a fine pro. The Jazz may have made another steal in the second round when they selected 6-9 forward CAREY SCURRY (Long Island), one of the top rebounders in the nation over the past two years. The only question marks about Scurry may be his lack of a jump shot and the level of competition he played against in college. The Jazz then went out after backcourt help, picking up 6-2 guard DELANEY RUDD (Wake Forest) and 6-4 forward convert RAY HALL (Canisius), both of whom have a pretty good chance at making the team. The Jazz are really thin at guard and that gives Rudd and Hall a better than average shot at sticking with the club. In the later rounds, Utah selected 6-8 JIMMY MILLER (Virginia) and 6-9 MIKE WACKER (Texas), a pair of forwards who are not expected to make the team this year. Wacker may surprise some people after enjoying a fine senior season at Texas. He had sat out the previous two seasons after suffering a career-threatening knee injury. With Malone and Scurry coming aboard, this has to be considered a decent draft for the Utah Jazz. Add in some potential prospects like Rudd, Hall and Wacker, and things don't look bad at all!

**UTAH DRAFT GRADE: B** 

WASHINGTON BULLETS-the Bullets used their first round pick in this year's draft to snag underrated 6-7 forward KENNY GREEN (Wake Forest), who leaves the college ranks following a fine junior year in which he earned All-ACC honors. Green is still somewhat unpolished as far as talents go, and he might not be able to contribute right away. In time, we're confident that Green will develop into an outstanding NBA forward. The Bullets then surprised everybody by selecting 7-7 center MANUTE BOL (Bridgeport, CT), the former native of The Sudan who leaves the college ranks after his freshman year. Most NBA experts are convinced that the 190 pound Bol is just not big or strong enough to make it in the NBA. It's hard to imagine this skinny youngster muscling under the boards against the likes of Moses Malone and Mark Eaton. Still, Bol gave a good account of himself in the United States Basketball League, so it remains to be seen just what kind of future he has in the NBA. No. 3 pick 6-2 VERNON MOORE (Creighton) will try to make the team at guard, but the Bullets are pretty much set in the backcourt. Up front, the Bullets picked up 6-11 KENNY PERRY (Southern Illinois) and 6-9 potential sleeper RICHIE ADAMS (Nevada-Las Vegas), both of whom have an outside shot at making the team. Adams could surprise many people, but much depends on his attitude. Washington then selected a trio of guards, all of whom will have a difficult time making the team. The three new backcourters are 6-5 DEAN SHAFFER (Florida State), 6-3 MATT ENGLUND (Houston Baptist) and 6-4 KEITH GRAY (Detroit).

WASHINGTON DRAFT GRADE: C+

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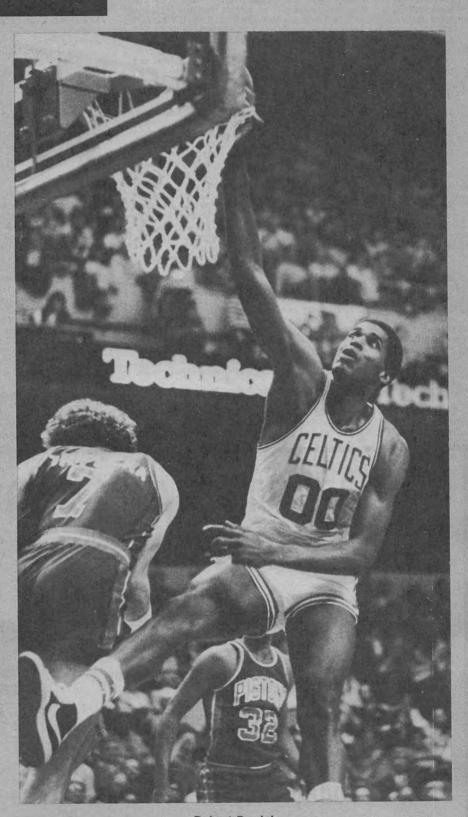
C-Moses Malone, Philadelphia F-Larry Bird, Boston F-Bernard King, New York G-Isiah Thomas, Detroit G-Michael Jordan, Chicago

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C—Robert Parrish, Boston F—Kevin McHale, Boston F—Terry Cummings, Milwaukee G—Sidney Moncrief, Milwaukee G—Michael Ray Richardson, NJ

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F—Jon Koncak, Atlanta
G—Sam Vincent, Boston
G—Joe Dumars, Detroit



**Robert Parrish Boston Celtics** 

## Atlantic Division

### **Boston Celtics**

(63-19, 1st in Atlantic)

December 7th has become a very special day in United States history; a day that will "live in Infamy" as President Roosevelt stated some 44 years ago. FDR was obviously referring to the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor, but some NBA fans might claim that Roosevelt, in his infinite wisdom, was making reference to the future birthdate of one Larry Bird! Yes folks, that's right, this winter while the rest of us are observing the 44th anniversary of the Pearl Harbor bombing, the Birdman will be blowing out 29 candles of his own. It only seems right that the league's most deadly "long-range bomber" should be born on December 7th. Well, enough for cute openings, let us end this commentary by saying that, in 1984-85, Larry Bird may have proved once and for all that he is the finest Basketball player the NBA has ever seen.

No, we're not forgetting the fact that the Lakers knocked off Bird's Celtics in the NBA Championship, but we hope you do not forget the very obvious fact that the Los Angeles Lakers are the best team in the NBA, as we so humbly told you in last year's issue of GAMEPLAN. You need more than five good players to win an NBA Championship, and Celtic coach K.C. Jones will be the first to admit his team's lack of an

adequate bench.

Despite not repeating as champs, the Celts enjoyed an outstanding season that saw them win more regular season games than any other NBA club, including those oh-so-impressive Lakers. As always, the key to the Boston attack was league Most Valuable Player Larry Bird, who enjoyed the finest campaign of his six-year career. For the season, Bird pumped in a career-high 28.7 ppg to go along with an impressive average of 10.5 rpg. As if things weren't tough enough on the opposition, Bird also dished out an average of 6.6 assists per game, far and away the best of any NBA forward. Not only is the 6-9 Bird an outstanding allaround player, he also possesses all of the intangibles that don't show up in the morning boxscores. A few years back, people began calling Bird the best player ever. If it is possible, he has done nothing but improve since then. As Bird goes, so go the Boston Celtics!

Joining Bird at forward wall again be former ace sixth man 6-11 Kevin McHale (19.8), who like Bird is also coming off the best season of his young career. McHale was virtually unstoppable in 1984-85 as he hit on over 57 percent of his field goal attempts. Big Kevin also averaged more than nine reebs per contest and led the squad in blocked shots with 120 snuffs. McHale was even more outstanding in the playoffs, and had Boston won in the finals, he would certainly have been voted Most Valuable Player. At age 27, McHale has nowhere to go but up. Look for

big No. 32 to be even better this season.

The Celtics are fortunate enough to have one of the league's best pivotmen in nine-year veteran 7-0 Robert Parrish (17.6 ppg, 10.6 rpg), who's coming off yet another outstanding campaign. Parrish had something to prove going into post-season play last year, as the media was riding him pretty hard. Despite the Cettics' failure to win the Championship, Parrish silenced many of his critics, proving once and for all

that he can get the job done in the clutch.

Former starter 6-8 Cedric "Cornbread" Maxwell (11.1) is coming off an injury-plagued season that saw him lose his starting job and do serious damage to an already tender knee. Maxwell looked absolutely awful in the playoffs and rumor has it that his knee will never again be 100 percent. There are other rumors floating around that Maxwell will be dealt for another forward. If Maxwell remains with Boston, he'll supply solid

Third-year pro 6-11 Greg Kite (1.6) returns to back-up Parrish in the pivot, but he saw limited duty last season as coach K.C. Jones usually opted to go with McHale in the middle when giving "The Chief" a blow. Also in reserve up front is 6-7 tail-gunner Scott Wedman (6.4), who can also fill in at guard if necessary. Wedman is an outstanding outside shooter who supplies the Celtics with quality minutes whenever he's on the court. Veteran 6-6 M.L. Carr (3.2) can also fill in at small forward, but his playing days are virtually over. Carr may retire before the start of the season; if not, he'll return to his usual place at the end of the bench, waving his towel firing up the team. It's fairly obvious that Boston must come up with a better reserve corps up front if they're to improve on last year's finish. Jones cannot continue to ask Bird, McHale and Parrish to play so many minutes without rest.

Depth is much better at guard where the Celts have no fewer than six veteran performers in the fold. The top dog in the Boston backcourt is 6-5 All-Star Dennis "D.J." Johnson, who bounced the nets for nearly 16 ppg last season. Johnson is also an outstanding defensive player who has been known to handcuff some of the league's top offensive guards. Joining D.J. in the starting backcourt will again be former Brigham Young star 6-5 Danny Ainge (12.9), who like Bird and McHale is coming off his best season ever. Prior to the start of last year, the Celtics dealt starting point man Gerald Henderson to Seattle, thus opening the job for Ainge. Danny was anything but a disappointment as he silenced all those who doubted his ability to become a first-rate guard.

Veteran journeyman 6-3 Ray Williams (6.4) was picked up late last season in an effort to increase bench production at the guard spot. Williams never really panned out as he shot under 40 percent in the 23 games he appeared in. Williams is currently a free agent and the odds are pretty good that he'll be wearing another uniform this season. Williams is not the only one who may be gone come autumn. Veteran guard 6-2 Quinn Buckner (2.4) has asked to be traded and his request. may be accomodated. Buckner's playing time has decreased drastically since coming to Boston a few years back, and it's no secret that he's unhappy. If Buckner stays, he'll back up Ainge on the point.

The Celtics are hoping that third-year pro Carlos Clark (2.7) will come

into his own and begin living up to expectations. The 6-4 Clark has looked good at times, but he must become more consistent if he's to become the first guard off the bench for K.C. Jones. University of Virginia grad 6-5 Rick Carlisle (1.8) returns for his second season, but

he's due to see limited duty again this year.

This year's draft yielded one player certain to make the squad and contribute significantly, and that's 6-3 Sam Vincent (Michigan State). Look for Vincent to supply solid depth at both the point and off guard positions. With Vincent coming aboard, it seems certain that either Buckner or Williams will be gone before the start of the season. Other rookies with a chance at making the squad are 6-8 forward Chris Remley (Rutgers), 6-3 guard Andre Battle (Loyola, Chi.) and the LaSalle forward duo of 6-9 Albert Butts and 6-6 Ralph Lewis.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's been a long time since someone has

repeated as NBA Champions. The failure of last year's Celtics to win two in a row served as a good indication of just how difficult that task is. But as stated before, the Lakers were undoubtedly the better team. Going into this season, Boston rates a solid first over the Philadelphia 76ers in the Atlantic Division. Coach Jones will field a starting lineup without equal, but the Boston bench will not be strong enough to carry them all the way. The Celtics must come up with some quality reserves to give Bird, McHale and Parrish adequate rest. If no changes are made, look for Boston to possibly get knocked off by Milwaukee in the Eastern Conference finals

### Philadelphia 76ers

(58-24, 2nd in Atlantic)

Basketball fans in the City of Brotherly Love are notoriously difficult to satisfy. After seeing their heros win it all in '83, Philly fanatics expected more of the same in the years to come. But despite winning more than 100 games over the past two years, the 76ers have been unable to win their own division let alone an NBA Championship, and the pressure builds on the club to bring the title back to Philadelphia.

That pressure finally got to Coach Billy Cunningham, who resigned at the end of last season. Long-time Cunningham assistant and new Coach Matt Goukas, himself a former 76ers guard, walks into a tough situation where he's expected to, at the very least, knock off the Boston Celtics, a feat some say won't materialize. Éven if it does, an NBA crown

for Philly may just be too much to ask.

Goukas will build his title hopes around veteran 6-10 center Moses Malone (24.6), who complemented his steady inside scoring by pacing the league in rebounding, snaring over 13 boards per contest. Malone is truly one of the game's great players and his presence in the starting lineup guarantees Philadelphia a winning team. One area in which Malone could improve, however, is field goal percentage, which dipped to a career low 46.9 percent last season.

Back again for at least one more year at small forward is the good Doctor himself, Julius Erving. No longer the player he once was, Erving at age 35 last year still managed to pour in an even 20 points per outing. There had been speculation that the fabulous Dr. J. would retire over the summer, but Julius decided to go at least one more season. There's no question that it's just a matter of time before Julius hangs up his sneakers, but until then, he's still a great asset with his scoring, leader-

ship and ability to excite a crowd.

The Sixers have long been known to have one of the league's best front offices, a fact they proved that year by drafting rugged 6-6 forward Charles Barkley out of the University of Auburn. Barkley silenced all of those who doubted his ability by slamming home 14 ppg and grabbing over 700 rebounds. Supposedly too "fat" to play in the NBA, Barkley obviously showed he has what it takes to get the job done. Barkley will again start at power forward where he seems destined to become one of the league's best. Should Barkley be able to shed some of his excess poundage, gone, too, will be a host of nicknames, including "Boy "The Round Mound of Rebound" and "The S.S. Barkley

Supplying depth up front will again be ace sixth man 6-6 Bobby Jones (7.5), one of the league's top defensive players, who'll see time at both forward positions. Big 6-10 Clemon Johnson (4.7) will again backup Malone at the pivot, along with seeing extensive duty at the big forward spot. Johnson will never be a dominant NBA player, but he provides the

Sixers with quality relief in the middle.

Other returning frontliners are 6-7 George Johnson (5.4) and 6-8 Sam Williams (3.1), neither of whom see a great deal of action but who offer the Sixers quality depth along the frontline. Johnson will give Dr. J. some necessary rest at small forward, while Williams will see limited

duty behind Barkley.

Starting point guard 6-1 Maurice Cheeks (13.1) is coming off an excellent '84-'85 campaign that saw him hit 57 percent of his shots from the field, an amazing statistic when you consider that Cheeks scores most of his points from the outside. Also an outstanding passer and penetrator who runs the offense to near perfection, Little "Mo" is the prototype point guard who looks to pass first but can bury the jumper when he has to. Unselfish and an outstanding team leader who serves as an on-court coach, Cheeks' only drawback is his lack of size, which often allows taller and stronger players to exploit him on the defensive end of the court.

The starting off guard will again be 6-3 Andrew Toney (17.8), who despite scoring a lot of points didn't have a good year last season by his standards. Toney hit on a career low 49.2 percent of his field goal tries, and the only thing consistent about Toney was his inconsistency. Many feel that part of the problem was that Coach Cunningham was asking Toney to handle too much of the ball-hawking, especially when Cheeks was out of the game. Toney is just not a point guard and new coach Goukas has expressed his intentions to "redefine" Toney's role this season. In plain English, that means Toney will concentrate on shooting

the basketball through the hoop. Period!

This excellent guard duo is backed up by solid veteran Clint Richardson (6.0), an outstanding defender who is beginning to come into his own as a scorer. Especially effective in post-season play, as he always seems to be, Richardson has acquired a reputation as a player who comes through in the clutch. The second guard off the bench should be 6-3 Sedale Threatt (5.4), a good shooter who appears a bit out of place on the point. Threatt has been inconsistent throughout his young career, but once he settles down, he should develop into a quality guard. The Sixers are hoping that second-year man Leon Wood will establish himself as the backup point man this season. The 6-3 Wood (3.2) saw very limited action last year and somehow got himself in Cunningham's doghouse. If the former Olympian can step forward and assume a contributing role, then Goukas could free Toney completely of his point responsibilities. Wood has the talent to become a top notch point guard in the near future.

The Sixers had an outstanding draft as they selected no fewer than six players capable of making it in the NBA. Unfortunately, there aren't too many open spots on the Philadelphia roster. One player sure to make it is 6-8 forward Terry Catledge (South Alabama), the Sixers No. 1 choice this year. Catledge, a steal as the 21st pick, should be a solid pro for years to come. Look for him to see time at both forward berths. Forwards 6-10 Greg Stokes (lowa) and 6-8 Voise Winters (Bradley) look capable of sticking with an NBA club, and ditto for 6-4 guard Steve Black of LaSalle. The Sixers also chose two potential sleepers in the later rounds in 6-8 swingman Derrick Gervin (Texas San Antonio) and 6-5 guard Carl Wright (SMU), a pair of outstanding scorers who are rumored to have attitude problems. Gervin is the brother of "The Iceman,"

George Gervin, the outstanding guard for the San Antonio Spurs.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The major question in Philadelphia is whether the Sixers can avoid skipping a beat now that Cunningham has turned over the reins to Matt Goukas. With veterans Malone and Erving leading the way, and a solid supporting cast featuring the backcourt tandem of Toney and Cheeks, Philly has a lock on a winning season. An outstanding rookie corps certainly can't make things any worse. The Sixers have a good shot at dethroning the Celtics in the Atlantic Division, but even if they don't, Philadelphia should go far in post-season play. No matter where they end up, you can be sure that the Sixers will be one of the teams to beat in the rugged Eastern Conference. Like Boston and Milwaukee, Philadelphia's favorite sons will be in the struggle to meet the Lakers for the NBA Championship.

### **New York Knicks**

(24-58, 5th in Atlantic)

What a nightmare last year was for New York Knick fans. And it wasn't too pleasant for Knick players and their coach, the fiery Hubie Brown. Last year's team struggled through an amazing streak of injuries and bad luck on their way to a pathetic 24-58 record. How badly did things go for the Knicks a year ago? Well, try this on for size. Neither starting pivotman Bill Cartwright nor his backup Marvin Webster appeared in a single game last season, forcing coach Brown to go with three unheralded rookies at center. Former All-Pro power forward Leonard "Truck" Robinson appeared in just two games last season! Newcomers Pat Cummings and Butch Carter were also kept out of several games with injuries. The final nail in the coffin came just after the All-Star break when NBA scoring champ Bernard King went down with a very serious knee injury.

Well, fear not Knick fans, help is apparently on the way. By viture of last year's poor finish, New York was allowed to be one of the seven teams participating in the NBA Draft Lottery which would determine who got to choose first. As everyone knows, the Knicks won the lottery and immediately selected Georgetown's All-World 7-0 center Patrick Ewing. As of this writing, however, the big guy is still unsigned, basically because he's demanding a contract that would make him the highest paid NBA player ever. Ewing will not get what he's asking for, but we do feel he'll be signed, sealed and delivered by October and he's certain to be New York's starting center this season. Patrick was perhaps the most dominant defensive player the collegiate ranks have ever seen, and he's not exactly chopped liver on the offensive end of the court! During his four years at Georgetown, Ewing led the Hoyas to three NCAA Championship Game appearances, earning three first team All-American honors in the process. Don't expect Ewing to score a lot of points this season, but his defensive presence will undoubtedly be felt.

Big Pat is destined to be one of the game's great centers.

With Ewing taking over at center, we expect the Knicks to move the incumbent pivotman, 7-1 Bill Cartwright, to the power forward position. Mr. Bill missed all of last season with injury, but he carries a career scoring average of 17.9 ppg. Coach Brown would like to use Ewing and Cartwright at the same time, much in the same way the Rockets utilize Sampson and Olajuwon. It remains to be seen whether or not Cartwright can make the switch to power forward; If he can't, then we feel his days in New York are numbered. Returning from the disabled list is 7-1 veteran Marvin Webster, a fine shot blocker who is expected to back-up

Ewing in the middle.

The future of 6-7 veteran Truck Robinson is very much up in the air after missing nearly all of last season with injury. Robinson's career had been on the decline prior to suffering last year's injury and it remains to be seen whether or not he can bounce back at age 34, Don't be too surprised if Truck is playing his basketball elsewhere this year. If Cartwright can't make the move to power forward, waiting in the wings to take his place is steady 6-9 veteran Pat Cummings (15.8), the team's second leading scorer and top rebounder a year ago. Cummings is a solid NBA player, who although unspectacular, will never hurt you when he's on the court. The Knicks have four other players with NBA experience who are capable of playing either the big forward or center position. The most experienced of this foursome is is 6-9 journeyman James Bailey (5.2), who was a tremendous disappointment in his first year with New York. Also in the hunt for playing time up front are a trio of second-year players, all of whom were inconsistent as rookles. Perhaps the best of the three is 6-9 banger Ken Bannister (6.8), who has yet to show any kind of a jump shot. Both 6-10 Eddle Wilkins (5.5) and 7-0 Ron Cavenali (1.5) are in serious jeopardy of losing their jobs now that everyone is healthy. The future of this foursome really depends on whether Robinson and/or Cartwright go elsewhere.

Returning to start at small forward is 6-7 vet Bernard King (32.9), last year's NBA scoring champion. King may be one of the greatest offensive players to ever don a uniform in the NBA. Hopefully for the Knicks, King's bum knee is completely healed, because they're just not the same team without him. We just cannot say enough good things about Bernard King, who's truly a class guy. If King is in the lineup, the Knicks will not lose 58 games again this season! Backing up Bernard is 6-9 Louis Orr (12.7), one of the best reserves in the NBA. Orr would probably start for most teams, but he'll continue to get plenty of minutes off the pines for the Knicks. Also hoping to make the team in a reserve capacity at forard is 6-7 free agent signee David Rusell, a former collegiate star at nearby St. John's, and 6-6 rookie Gerald Wilkins (Tenn.-Chattanooga),

the brother of Atlanta Hawks star Dominique Wilkins.

The Knicks have a solid starting backcourt in the duo of 6-4 Darrell Walker (13.5) and 6-2 veteran Rory Sparrow (9.9). Walker is an outstanding defender who is just emerging as an offensive threat, while Sparrow is a solid point man who dished out a team-high 557 assists a year ago. New York has one excellent reserve in 6-5 sharpshooter Trent Tucker (8.5), one of the league's top three-point shooters. Also providing depth are 6-5 Butch Carter (7.9) and 6-6 veteran Ernie Grunfeld (6.6), the latter of whom can also fill in at small forward. Draft choices trying to stick with the squad at guard include 6-3 Fred Cofield (Eastern Michigan) and 6-5 Kent Lockhart (UTEP). Overall, we expect the Knicks

to get solid play from their backcourt this season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things might be starting to look up for the New York Knicks. Sure, they lost 58 games last year, but it was just the year before that they went 47-35 and came within one game of knocking off the Boston Celtics in the playoffs. There are definitely a lot of question marks on this team, the major one being that the roster is still far from set. As of this writing, Huble Brown has no fewer than nine centers and power forwards to choose from and a grand total of twenty players on the roster! Obviously, some changes will have to be made by the start of the season. Ideally, Brown would like to go with a lineup of Ewing, Cartwright and King up front, with Walker and Tucker in the backcourt. With King healthy and Ewing in the fold, we think the Knicks will easily be the most improved team in the league this season.

### New Jersey Nets

(42-40, 3rd in Atlantic)

The New Jersey Nets have been a bit of a mystery to NBA fans over the past few years. The team is loaded with talent, yet seems to lack the chemistry or intensity to win consistently. As usual, the Nets were an unpredicatble team last season, putting together some impressive winning streaks while also playing miserably for long periods of time. Perhaps that's why Coach Stan Albeck tendered his resignation. Anyway, the Net front office was confident they could lure Rollie Massimino into taking the job. Massimino, you'll remember, led the Villanova Wildcats to a NCAA National Championship last season. But Rollie turned down the big bucks and decided to stay at Villanova, a place he has learned to call home. Enter Dave Wohl, a former assistant coach of the Lakers. He inherits a solid nucleus of young players who, if they can get it together, could do a variety of damage to NBA opponents

Part of the Nets problem last year was a crippling back injury that limited starting center Darryl Dawkins to 39 games played. The 6-11 Dawkins was not as effective for New Jersey as he'd been in the past. When he played, he averaged just 13.5 ppg and a mere 4.6 rebounds per contest, the latter figure constituting a career low. More importantly, Dawkins appeared lazy and out of shape, the result of, according to the Nets front office, a lack of desire to get back in playing condition. Thus Double D. is kind of in the doghouse and has been rumored to be trade balt. No deal has been made yet, so as of this writing, Dawkins will be the starting center. In Dawkins absence last season, five-year pro Mike Gminski stepped forward and got the job done in the middle. The 6-11 Gminski (12.8) had his best season ever as he played the most minutes in his career. Gminski will see plenty of action regardless of whether or not Dawkins is traded. The Nets have a third center on the roster in 6-11 shot-blocker George Johnson (1.6), a modest scorer who plays good defense in the pivot. But Johnson's spot on the squad is in jeopardy now that 6-11 Yvon Joseph (Georgia Tech) has been drafted in the second round. It seems unlikely that the Nets will keep four centers and even more unlikely that they'll give up on a raw talent like Joseph, so Johnson may be packing his bags come October.

The Nets have one of the league's best power forwards in 6-8 banger Buck Williams (18.2), a solid low-past scorer who can rebound with the best of 'em. In each of his four NBA seasons, Williams has collected at least 1,000 boards. Buck may be New Jersey's most consistent player, except from the free throw line where he hit only 62.5 percent of his charity tosses. The situation at small forward is somewhat unsettled with no fewer than three players having a shot at earning the starting job. Former regular 6-6 Albert King (12.8) appeared in just 42 regular season games due to various injuries. When he did play, King was not as effective as he's been in the past. In fact, by the end of the season, King was coming off the bench as the Nets sixth man. Another former starter is 6-7 Mike O'Koren (10.2) who, like King, suffered through an injury-plaqued season. O'Koren is a solid defensive player who's improved drastically as a scorer since coming into the NBA five years ago. The Nets hope to get more than 43 games out of O'Koren this season.

The other possible starter at forward is 6-9 Jeff Turner (5.8), last year's surprise first round draft choice who enjoyed a solid rookle campaign. Turner will never be a dominant NBA performer, but he's the kind of player you want on your roster. Big Jeff does all the little things that don't appear in the box score; he's kind of what you'd call a blue collar forward. Providing depth up front, along with the losers of the King-O'Koren-Turner will battle, is 6-9 veteran Wayne Suppleton (2.9) and 6-10 free agent signee Fernando Martin, a former member of the

Spanish National Team.

One of last year's great stories was the resurgence of 6-5 point guard Michael Ray Richardson, the former New York Knick All-Star. Richardson had suffered through a highly-publicized drug addiction that put his career in serious jeopardy. But Richardson showed a great deal of courage as he bounced back to average 20.1 ppg and dish out a team high 669 assists on his way to an All-Star performance. Michael Ray is one of the game's most exciting players, as evidenced by his 243 steals last year. Richardson is the guy who makes the offense go, and for the first time in a few years, we're glad to tell you that he is not a question mark going into this season!

The starting off guard in New Jersey for the last four seasons has been 6-4 Otis Birdsong (20.6), who was enjoying a fine season before going down with injury just after the All-Star break. Upon returning, Birdsong was just not the same and it's no secret that like Dawkins, Birdsong is in the New Jersey doghouse. Although he's played well, Birdsong has never performed for the Nets as well as he once did in Kansas

City.

The Nets are fortunate enough to have three quality veteran backcourt reserves in Kelvin Ransey, Ron Brewer, and Darwin Cook. The 6-2 Ransey (8.2) is a former starter in the NBA who has adapted well to a reserve role for New Jersey. Ransey is a decent shooter, whose real strengths lie in his passing and defense. Brewer signed on as a free agent near the end of last season and proved to be a pleasant surprise as the 6-4 vet pumped in 10.4 ppg in limited duty. At 6-3, Darwin Cook (7.4) is capable of playing both guard positions, thus making him a valuable commodity to have on the bench. The only backcourt player of note to be drafted is 6-0 Gary McLain (Villanova), who led his team to a National Championship a year ago.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Nets are definitely not a bad Basketball team. They have two bonafide All-Stars in Michael Ray Richardson and Buck Williams, but there's still a problem at small forward and center if Dawkins is dealt. We just don't see Mike Gminski holding his own with the likes of Malone, Jabbar and Parrish night in and night out. Look for the Nets to finish just over the .500 mark at the very worst as they battle the New York Knicks for third place in the Atlantic Division.

### Washington Bullets

(40-42, 4th in Atlantic)

After getting off to a great start last season, things kinda cooled off for the Washington Bullets as the winter months went on. Most of their problems were a direct result of two very serious injuries that kept starting center Jeff Ruland and ace reserve guard Frank Johnson out of the lineup for most of the season. For the year, Ruland appeared in just 37 games, while Johnson wasn't much better off, playing in a mere 46 contests. So while Ruland and Johnson recuperated, Washington struggled

badly on the court, playing well under .500 after the All-Star break. Still, the Bullets managed to earn a playoff bid before bowing in four games to the tough Philadelphia 76ers.

The Bullet front office stayed very busy over the summer, making two deals which they think will benefit the team both now and in the future. First, hulking 6-10 center/forward Rick Mahorn (6.3) and little-used 6-10 forward Mike Gibson were sent to Detroit in exchange for 6-8 former All-Pro power forward Dan Roundfield. Next, the 6-7 veteran Greg Ballard (13.1) was dealt to Golden State, with Washington receiving two future second round draft choices from the Warriors. Under normal circumstances, we'd say the Bullets were trying to unload veterans in an effort to build for the future, but if this were the case then why would they acquire an old greybeard like Roundfield? Needless to say, the jury is still out on these two off season deals.

Now that he's healthy, the main man for Washington will again be 6-11 All-Pro center Jeff Ruland, who despite playing hurt managed to score 18.9 ppg last season. Just the year before, the former Iona All-American knocked home 22.2 ppg and snared nearly 1,000 rebounds. There is little doubt that Ruland has developed into one of the best pivotmen in the NBA, and he really knows how to use all of his 275

pounds in the paint! This man is a force!

Ruland will have a new playmate at power forward this year in 6-8 veteran Dan Roundfield (10.9), who was a major disappointment for Detroit last season. Roundfield is coming off what is easily the worst year of his NBA tenure and it remains to be seen whether or not he can bounce back at age 34. If Roundfield can't get the job done, then we expect last year's big forward, Cliff Robinson, to take his place. The 6-9 Robinson (16.7) was the starter at power forward most of last season, but with Roundfield coming aboard, the former USC star is expected to move to the quick forward position. Robinson will definitely start at one of the two forward positions, and it all depends on the performance of Roundfield where he winds up.

Long-time head coach Gene Shue is very high on the potential of this year's first round draft choice 6-7 Kenny Green, a hardship case out of Wake Forest. Green is expected to be a top-notch NBA small forward in the very near future, but if Roundfield doesn't pan out, Green may have to grow up in a hurry! Don't be too surprised if Green earns a starting job alongside Robinson some time during his rookie season. One of the top reserves up front is talented 6-8 youngster Darren Daye (8.7), who'll battle Green for playing time at small forward. Classy 6-11 veteran Tom McMillen (8.9) is also in the picture after playing some of the best basketball of his career late last season. McMillen will continue to provide depth at both center and power forward. Others lending a hand up front include 6-9 Charlie Jones (5-9) and 6-8 Guy Williams (2.9), neither of whom are slated to see extensive duty this year. The Bullets went out on a limb last summer, using their second round pick to select huge 7-7 center Manute Bol, the former native of the Sudan who played just one year of college ball in Division Three at Bridgeport, Connecticut. Bol will have to gain about fifty pounds before he'll be able to absorb the terrible punishment he'll receive in the NBA, although he was quite successful in the USBL last summer. Other front line draftees of note include 6-11 center Ken Perry (Southern Illinois) and 6-9 forward Richie Adams

In the backcourt, the Bullets are set on the point with 6-2 veteran Gus Williams (20.0) calling the signals. Despite leading the team in both scoring and assists (608), this former Seattle All-Pro will not recall last season as one of his best. He shot just 43 percent from the field, by far the worst figure of his career, and he only managed to hit 29 percent from beyond the three point line. Lining up alongside Williams is 6-4 tailgunner Jeff Malone (18.9), who after just two short years in the NBA has already established himself as one of the league's premier outside shooters. At age 24, it appears Malone has a very bright future. The first guard off the bench will again be former starter 6-3 Frank Johnson (9.3), who missed most of last year with injuries. Johnson is expected to get plenty of minutes for Coach Shue. Ditto for 6-6 defensive specialist Dudley Bradley (4.9), himself a starter early last season. Expected to see more action this season is 6-5 second-year pro Tom Sewell (1.0), who sat out nearly all of his rookie year with injuries. This year's draft brought forth just one backcourt player with any kind of chance at making the team, and that's 6-2 point guard Vernon Moore (Creighton), Moore made his living in the college ranks by feeding big Benoit Benjamin all night long, but his passing has never been questioned, it's his shooting ability that's being scrutinized.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: By no means is this a bad team Coach Shue has at his disposal. A healthy Ruland alone would usually mean more victories for Washington, but we believe they'll miss Ballard a lot more than they think. This team could really be helped by an inspired Gus Williams and a rejuvenated Danny Roundfield, but it remains to be seen whether or not those veterans are up to the mark. We expect the Bullets to be somewhere around the .500 mark, give or take a few games. Unfortunately, in the rugged Atlantic Division, a break-even record might not even get the Bullets out of the basement! It's a very real possibility that Washington could make the playoffs while finishing

at or near the bottom of their division.

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## Central Division

### Milwaukee Bucks

(59-23, 1st in Central)

Following last season, there was little question about who would be selected Coach-of-the-year in the N.B.A. Hands down, that award went to Milwaukee mentor Don Nelson, whose Bucks finished an incredible 59-23 in what was supposed to be a rebuilding year! Who cares that the Bucks got knocked off by Philadelphia in the playoffs, they weren't even supposed to be there in the first place. If you're not yet impressed with the feats of Don Nelson, consider that he lost the likes of Bob Lanier, Marques Johnson, Tiny Archibald, Harvey Catchings and Junior Bridgeman, and still went on to win 59 games with virtually a new team! With one full year of playing together behind them, the Bucks would approach to the property be discipled to the page 15 between the control of the property of the playing together behind them, the Bucks would approach to the property be discipled the playing together behind them. pear to be even stronger heading into this season. There has been only one roster change over the summer, in which 6-11 Mark McNamara was acquired from the Sacramento. Kings for a future draft choice. With virtually the same crew intact, we've got to believe there's no stopping the Bucks in their drive to a seventh consecutive Central Division Cham-

Milwaukee has one of the best scoring tandems in the league in 6-9 youngster Terry Cummings and 6-4 veteran Sidney Moncrief, both of whom were members of the Eastern Conference All-Star team a year ago. Cummings (23.6), a former collegiate star at DePaul, has developed into one of the best all-around power forwards in the game. Not only did Cummings lead the Bucks in scoring, but he was also their top rebounder, snaring over 700 boards a year ago. This young man also ranked among the team leaders in assists, steals and blocked shots, exhibiting the versatility that's made him one of the NBA's best players.

Like Cummings, veteran big guard Moncrief (21.7) is also looked upon as one of the game's best all-around players. Although an outstanding offensive player, Moncrief's greatest asset may be his play on the defensive end of the floor where he is a two-time recipient of the award given to the NBA's best overall defensive player. The only "thing" that prevented Moncrief from winning a third consecutive award last season was 6-5 teammate Paul Pressey, who just barely edged Sidney in the post-season balloting. Technically, Pressey (16.1) is the starter at small forward, although in Don Nelson's scheme of things Pressey has in a sense created the "point forward" position. Nelson's system allows for a great deal of flexibility, and it's not uncommon to see Pressey come down court one time as the point guard, and the next as a post man down low. Like his two esteemed teammates, (Moncrief and Cummings), Pressey is starting to earn the respect of everyone around the N.B.A. The defensive combination of Moncrief and Pressey might just drive league.

The actual point guard on this team is 6-3 former Clipper Craig Hodges (10.6), who last year performed marvelously in his first season with Milwaukee. Hodges was actually kind of a throw-in in the blockbuster deal that sent Marques Johnson and Junior Bridgeman to the Clippers in exchange for Cummings. Needless to say, Hodges per-formed well beyond the wildest dreams of the Milwaukee front office. The Bucks have a couple of quality backcourt reserves in the duo of 6-5 Ricky Pierce (9.8) and 6-5 Kevin Grevey (6.1), the latter being a former regular for the Washington Bullets. Also seeing time at guard is 6-6 Paul Thompson (9.2), whom the Bucks picked up late last season from the Cleveland Cavaliers. Thompson is also expected to see time at small

forward should Nelson need him there.

The Bucks are solid up front with 6-11 youngster Alton Lister (9.9) holding the starting pivot job. Although a modest scorer, Lister does a fine job on the boards as evidenced by his 647 rebounds a year ago. Lister has finally developed some of the consistency he lacked in the early stages of his career. Backing-up Lister are a pair of seven footers who could not possibly be any more different than they are in both physical and mental makeup. Rugged 7-0 Paul Mokeski (6.2) is immensely valuable to the team as both a rebounder and occasional scorer. This big guy is not afraid to throw his 275 poinds at opposing NBA centers and power forwards! The second member of the odd couple is skinny 7-3 Randy Brever (5.3), a young man who made great strides as a player last year. Brever possesses a great touch for a big man, and once he becomes more agressive, he should challenge Lister for starting duties. Also helping out at forward are 6-8 bruiser Charles Davis (6.2) and 6-7 Kenny Fields (3.8), who was a bit of a disappointment as a rookie last season. The Bucks might have selected a real sleeper in the first round of this year's draft in 6-8 swingman Jerry 'Ice' Reynolds out of L.S.U. Reynolds, one of many hardship cases this year, is very young and may not have much of an impact this season, but he's amazingly talented and in time should develop into an outstanding NBA player

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: You've just got to be excited about the Bucks' chances this year, as they're easily the class of the Central Division. With players like Cummings, Moncrief and Pressey, this team will have little trouble putting the ball in the basket. But the real strength of this team is it's defense, which as a unit was easily the best in the NBA last season. It appears as though the Bucks are headed for yet another Central Division Title, and at the very least 55-60 victories. In fact, this team has the horses to stop Boston and Philadelphia's reign over the

Eastern Conference. With a little luck Milwaukee should advance past the Celtics into the NBA finals against those hated Lakers. But at that point, their luck would to run out!

### Chicago Bulls

(38-44, 3rd in Central)

It's been a long time since Chicago fans have been this excited about their basketball team. It's been an even longer time since the NBA has seen the likes of a Michael Jordan enter the league. In fact, we can't recall any player entering the league with the exciting style of Jordan. Yes NBA fans, that includes Larry Bird and Magic Johnson!
Everyone knew that the Bulls were getting a gem when they selected

Jordan in the first round a year ago. But not even their ever-enthusiastic General Manager, Rod Thorn, could have expected Jordan to have such

an amazing impact. Last year's leam finished with a decent 38-44 record, their best showing in several years. Undoubtedly, Jordan was the man most responsible for Chicago's resurgence.

Over the summer, the Bulls kept very busy, making three major trades and hiring a new head coach. Former New Jersey head man Stan Albeck comes to the Windy City, replacing the volatile Kevin Loughery. Albeck is a highly-respected coach who is expected to get the most out of this young team. The Bulls then shipped 6-10 power forward Steve Johnson (10.0) to the San Antonio Spurs for exciting forward Gene Banks. Also, 6-3 guard Enis Whatley (5.0) and first round pick 6-10 Keith Lee (Memphis State) were sent to the Cleveland Cavallers in exchange for the rookie duo of 6-9 Charles Oakley (Virginia Union) and 6-3 Calvin Duncan (VCU), the Cavs top two draft choices this season. Finally, 6-9 forward Ben Coleman and 6-8 rookie Ken Johnson (Michigan State) were traded to Portland for the Blazers' No. 2 pick, 7-0 center Mike Smerek (Canislus). As you can see, the Bulls are putting an accent on youth as they attempt to build for the future. We think they've got the makings of a fine team right now!

The main man for the Bulls is the aforementioned 6-6 guard Michael Jordan (28.2), the league's third most prolific scorer a year ago. Jordan, the NBA Rookie-of-the-year last season, proved to be of tremendous value to the Bulls. His performance was truly amazing as he led Chicago in scoring, rebounding, assists, steals, and even finished second on the team in blocked shots! If it's possible, we expect Michael J. to get even better this season as he's already developed into one of the league's top

five all-around players.

The starter on the point might be the erratic 6-3 Quintin Dailey (16.0), the team's third leading scorer a year ago coming off the bench. With Whatley gone, Dailey seems the likely replacement on the point, but it remains to be seen whether Dailey can run the offense and still manage to get his points. The top returning backcourt reserve is 6-6 veteran Wes Matthews (5.7), a modest scorer who earns his pay by playing excellent defense. Apart from these three, there's no other experienced guards on the roster, so we expect more than one rookle to make the team. The best bets are 6-3 Calvin Duncan (VCU) and 6-4 Aubrey Sherrod (Wichita State), a pair of very talented young men who will provide depth at both guard positions. Also hoping to make the team as backcourt reserves are 6-5 Jeff Adkins (Maryland), 6-7 point man Reid Gettys (Houston) and 6-8 swingman Adrian Branch (Maryland), a fine offensive player who should stick with this club.

The Bulls will field a fine front line led by the forward tandem of 6-9 Orlando Woolridge and 6-8 Gene Banks. Woolridge (22.9) is one of the better young talents in the league who doesn't get the press he deserves because of the presence of Jordan. Woolridge enjoyed a fine season a year ago, finishing second on the team in both scoring and rebounding. He is a budding superstar who should continue to gain recognition as the Bulls win more often. Banks was acquired in the off-season from San Antonio, where he averaged 9.5 ppg last season, the lowest figure of his career. Now that he's out of the Spurs doghouse, we expect Banks to flourish in Albeck's wide-open offense.

The top frontcourt reserves are 6-10 former regular David Greenwood (6.1) and 6-9 improving youngster Sidney Green (6.2), a pair of solid players who really go to the boards. Veteran 6-7 Rod Higgins (4.5) also returns to backstop Banks at the small forward position. Like Greenwood, Higgins is a former starter whose playing time decreased sharply a year ago. The Chicago front office is very high on the potential of 6-9 first round draft choice Charles Oakley (Virginia Union). The Division II Player-of-the-year last season, Oakley may still be a bit raw and untested, so don't expect him to move right into the starting lineup. Instead, we see him providing depth at both forward spots while getting invaluable on the job training this season. Also hoping to make the team at forward are 6-10 Mike Brown (George Washington) and the previouslymentioned Branch from Maryland.

The Bulls have three experienced centers on the roster and another coming aboard in 7-0 rookie Mike Smerek (Canisius), who was acquired from Portland over the summer. Smerek enjoyed a solid, but unspectacular, collegiate career and his early selection come as kind of a surprise to many. Smerek is what's known as a project, that is he'll be given few years to refine his game and develop as a player before he's thrown into the fire. The starter in the pivot will probably be 6-11 veteran Dave Corzine (8.5), a decent center who holds his own with most opponents. Pressing Corzine for starting duty is 7-0 veteran Caldwell Jones (3.4), who suffered through an injury-plagued campaign a year ago. Also in the picture at center is 7-1 shot-blocker Jawann Oldham (3.4), a fine defensive player who has a tendency to disappear on the of-

fensive end of the floor

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things are really starting to look up for the Chicago Bulls, and we have a feeling that last year's moderate success was just the beginning. The high-flying Jordan should continue to put fans in the seats of the once empty Chicago Forum. In Michael Jordan. Chicago has one of the best players around who, by the end of his career, should go down in history as one of the legends of the game. New head coach Stan Albeck has some other fine veterans to call on in Woolridge, Dailey and Banks. There are also some talented youngsters on the roster; we especially like the foursome of Oakley, Duncan, Sherrod and Branch. The Bulls will be a very young team, and as is usually the case, they'll pay for that "fault" this season. However, we expect Chicago to finish on the plus side this year, perhaps winning 45 to 50 games. Albeck and G.M. Thorn are building a fine team in the Windy City; now, if they can only get the dominant big man they need!

### **Detroit Pistons**

(46-36, 2nd in Central)

A year ago, we tabbed the Pistons as the team to beat in the improving Central Division. After all, the Pistons had added former All-Pro forward Danny Roundfield to a young team that had won 49 games the year before. Also, the division's perennial favorite Milwaukee Bucks were supposedly in a rebuilding situation that would see them weaker than they'd been in many years. Instead, the Bucks were outstanding, posting a 59-23 record and winning yet another Central Division crown.

Meanwhile, Detroit was falling way short of what was expected of them, finishing 46-36, good for second place, thirteen games behind Milwaukee. A major part of the problem was injuries, as guard John Long, forward Kelly Tripucka and Roundfield all missed more than 20 games. And Roundfield was a tremendous disappointment, averaging just 10.9 ppg and 8.1 rpg, the lowest figures of his nine-year career. So over the summer, Detroit dealt Roundfield to the Washington Bullets in exchange for center/forward Rick Mahorn and forward Mike Gibson. Besides that trade no other changes have been made and coach Chuck Daly returns virtually the same squad of a year ago.

The Pistons have one of the better centers in the league in 6-11 veteran Bill Laimbeer (17.5/12.4), who set career marks in both scoring and rebounding last season. Laimbeer may not get the press clippings that the league's other top big men get, but he's a proven All-Pro who provides Detroit with consistently solid play in the middle. In fact, Big Bill was the only Piston to play and start all 82 games a year ago. Backing-up Laimbeer will again be 6-10 veteran Kent Benson (6.7/4.5), himself a former starter at both center and power forward. Benson may not be the most talented guy around, but he's a good man to have in reserve. Benson will fill in at both center and power forward. Ditto for 6-10 former 76er Earl Cureton (6.1/5.2), who is coming off his best season ever. Cureton provides the Pistons with decent depth up front, although like Benson, he'll never be a star.

Slated to start at power forward is newly-acquired 6-10 Ricky Mahorn (6.3), who led Washington in rebounding a year ago with 608 boards. Mahorn should team with Laimbeer to form a fine one-two punch on the glass. We're not totally convinced that Mahorn can score enough points to be considered a quality power forward; he also tends to commit far too many personal fouls. Also supplying depth at power forward is 6-9 veteran journeyman Major Jones (2.7/2.7), who is expected to see very

limited duty once again this season.

Returning to start at small forward is 6-6 Kelly Tripucka (19.1), who suffered through an injury plagued campaign in which he appeared in just 55 games. Tripucka's scoring average was easily the lowest of his four-year career, and you have to wonder if all those leg injuries aren't starting to catch up with Kelly. Tripucka has missed major portions of two of the last three seasons, and Detroit needs him to stay healthy if they're to go far this season. The Pistons best reserve at forward is 6-7 veteran Terry Tyler (11.6/5.2), a former starter for Detroit who saw plenty of action a year ago. Tyler has proven himself capable of filling in at both forward positions, and Coach Daly is not shy about using Terry in clutch situations

Hoping to see more action this year is 6-7 second-year man Tony Campbell (5.6), the team's No. 1 draft pick last season. Campbell only got to play in crucial situations when Tripucka was hurt, as Coach Daly didn't show much confidence in this youngster who is also expected to fill in at big guard. The Pistons drafted a trio of rookies who will try to make the team as reserve forwards, and those three are 6-10 power forward Andre Goode (Northwestern), 6-9 Richle Johnson (Evansville) and

6-6 swingman Frank "Spoon" James (UN-LV)

Starting on the point for the Pistons is 6-1 sparkplug Islah Thomas, one of the game's most dynamic players. Thomas had yet another outstanding season, leading Detroit in scoring at 21.2 ppg on his way to a fourth consecutive NBA record for assists dished out in one season, handing out 1,123 feeds, 24 more than Kevin Porter recorded a few years back. Without question, Isiah is one of the best in the business. It's astonishing to think how good Thomas would be if he played on a team capable of playing an up-tempo fast break game like he's best suited to. Thomas will have a hard time running the break with guys like Laimbeer, Mahorn and Tripucka in the lineup.

The starter at off guard is 6-5 veteran sharpshooter John Long (14.7), one of the better outside shooters around. Long can usually be counted on to supply the Pistons with outstanding play on the offensive end of the court. The top reserve for Detroit is 6-2 Vinnie Johnson (12.8), a player who would start for many teams. Johnson is a solid offensive player who also dished out 325 assists last season, second best on the squad. Johnson really turned it on against the Celtics in the playoffs where he twice scored better than 25 points.

After Johnson, depth is a little thin in the backcourt where only 6-5 Brook Steppe (4.7) returns with NBA experience. Steppe is a fine shooter who has difficulty in creating his own shots, but he's also a fine defensive performer. The Pistons No. 1 draft choice, Joe Dumars, should help supply some much-needed depth in this area. The 6-3 Dumars (McNeese St) is expected to see extensive duty at both the point and off guard positions. Also a possibility on the point is 5-7 Spud Webb (N.C. State), the team's fourth round draft pick last summer. Webb's size has been questioned, but it didn't seem to hurt him when he starred in the fledgl-

ing United States Basketball League. GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: No one's really sure just how good the Detroit Pistons will be this year. A lot depends on the ability of Tripucka to stay healthy, but perhaps even more crucial is the adjustment the team will have to make in playing with Mahom. The Pistons have an outstanding foursome of players in Laimbeer, Long, Tripucka and, of course, Islah Thomas. Depth remains a bit of a question mark, while even more importantly, we're not sure there's a true NBA starting power forward on this roster. Without a doubt, Detroit will be a fine basketball team this year, good enough to at least post a winning record. It doesn't seem likely, however, that the Pistons will be able to dethrone the Milwaukee Bucks. In fact, if they're not careful, Detroit could slip to

### **Cleveland Cavaliers**

third behind Michael Jordan's Chicago Bulls.

(36-46, 4th in Central)

A lot of NBA fans might not be too impressed with the Cavaliers' 36-46 record last season, but if you live in Cleveland you're probably ecstatic! Despite posting a losing record a year ago, the Cavs managed to earn a playoff bid, their first in seven years. The last time the Cavs were in the playoffs they were coached by one of the game's greatest, current Houston coach Bill Fitch. Cleveland fans will tell you that they have a pretty good coach themselves in second-year mentor George Karl. Karl deserves a great deal of credit for the Cavs resurgence of a year ago. Now the key for Karl is to try and improve drastically again this season, but the task may prove to be somewhat difficult.

The Cavalier front office has been well known for their ineptness in the past, but the jury is still out on a deal they made over the summer. The Cavs shipped their top two draft choices, 6-9 forward Charles Oakley (Virginia Union) and 6-3 guard Calvin Duncan (Virginia Commonwealth), to the Chicago Bulls in exchange for 6-3 gaurd Ennis Whatley and 6-10 forward Keith Lee (Memphis State), the Bulls first round pick this year. Lee and Whatley are expected to contribute immediately, but the extent to which they'll help remains to be seen.

For the third consecutive season, the Cavs leading scorer a year ago was 6-3 veteran guard World B. Free (22.5), who at age 32 may not have all his hair, but he can still bury that fade-away jump shot. Once considered to be a coach's nightmare, Free, with the help of Karl, has developed into a fine team leader. No longer is World the selfish player he once was; in fact, he looks to dish off more than ever. Free's outside shooting is a crucial ingredient of the Cavs offense, especially from beyond the three point line where he hit on 36.8 percent of his attempts a year ago. Joining Free in the backcourt will again be 5-11 point man John Bagley (9.9), who led the team in assists last year with 697. Bagley came to the NBA three years ago with some questionable credentials. He was supposedly too small to play the off guard and too unskilled to play the point. Bagley is living proof that NBA scouts can often be wrong, because Little John has certainly turned into a quality point

The top backcourt reserve is 6-3 vet Johnny Davis (12.4), who also dished out 426 assists a year ago. Davis played well at times, but Karl would like to see him shoot the ball more consistently. Davis shot just 42.6 percent last season, by far the worst figure of his nine year career. Also in reserve are 6-3 former Bull Ennis Whatley (5.0) and 6-3 Kevin Williams (3.5). Whatley is a fine passer, but it seems to us that the Cavs have enough point guards, thus his acquisition is a bit surprising. What Cleveland really needs is a tall big guard who can score and play defense. We're not convinced that third-year man Williams can fill that role. This year's draft yielded three big guards, all of whom have little chance of making the team. The aforementioned trio includes 6-5 Mark Davis (Old Dominion), 6-6 Richie Johnson (Illinois State) and 6-5 Buzz Peterson (North Carolina).

In the middle, the Cavs are building for the future with 6-11 Melvin Turpin starting in the pivot. Turpin (10.6) was a bit of a disappointment as a rookie a year ago, but he's still young, and the Cavs' front office is confident that he'll come around in time. Turpin was often ineffective on the offensive end of the floor, and his defensive play bordered on pathetic. Despite getting off to a slow start, we expect Turpin to become a quality center in the very near future. Backing up Turpin is 6-10 youngster Mark West (3.9), a defensive standout who too often gets lost on the offensive end of the court. West is a fine shot-blocker and rebounder, but his lack of offensive polish makes him a liability to the team when he's on the floor.

The Cavs have two versatile players on their roster, both capable of filling in at center and forward. Former Utah Jazz bruiser 6-9 Ben Poquette (6.7) was a decent performer for Coach Karl last season. Poquette was especially strong on the boards where he picked off an average of 6.0 per game. During the last season, the Cavaliers acquired 6.10 veteran Edgar Jones (8.2) from the San Antonio Spurs. Jones provides solid depth up front. The same can be said for 6-8 ex-regular Lonnie Shelton (6.4), who missed much of last year with injury. Shelton, when healthy, performed miserably for Cleveland, but Karl is hoping that he'll come around and display the fine form he displayed for Seattle a few years back.

Cleveland has a solld starting duo at forward in 6-9 Roy Hinson (15.8) and 6-8 Phil Hubbard (15.7). Hinson made great strides in his second year as a pro, boosting his scoring average nearly 10 points per game. Hinson's improvement can best be attributed to his switch from center to power forward. Hubbard enjoyed the best season of his six year career, as he shot an even 50 percent from the field. Hubbard has been a pleasant surprise since coming to Cleveland from Detroit, where he had been a non-regular.

Highly-touted youngster 6-10 Keith Lee (Memphis State) will probably serve as the team's sixth man this season. Lee may find the adjustment from the college game to the more physical pro game somewhat dif-ficult. Lee is a natural power forward, but Cleveland already has Hinson at that postion, so we expect them to experiment with Lee at the small

forward spot.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Cavallers have come a long way over the past two years, and George Karl may be the man most responsible. The Cavs have three very good guards in the trio of Free, Bagley and Davis, and a couple of solid forwards in Hinson and Hubbard. The situstion at center is somewhat cloudy, but Turpin could cure that in a hurry by starting to realize his immense potential. Overall depth is not too bad, but it seems as though all the Cavs subs are power forwards and point guards. The front office might think about that the next time they swing a deal! We look for Cleveland to finish fourth in the Central Divison, winning perhaps 40 games. Another trip to the playoffs might be forthcoming, but hopefully they won't draw the Celtics in the first round again!

### **Indiana Pacers**

(22-60, 6th in Central)

It seems impossible considering all the fine young talent they have, but the Indiana Pacers continue to consistently lose basketball games in the NBA! How did this team lose 60 games a year ago, tying the Golden State Warriors for the worst record in the league? The Pacers seem to have the makings of a pretty solid team. They have a fine young coach in George Irvine, some good young talent, and they had yet another outstanding draft this season. Indiana made almost no changes during the off-season, making just one deal in sending back-up center Granville Waiters (3.2) to the Houston Rockets for future considerations, probably an early round draft pick in the near future. With the same crew intact, we honestly can't see the Pacers posting a winning record, but we do think they're capable of finishing with 10 to 15 more wins this time around.

The strength of this ballclub is definitely in the frontcourt where the Pacers have four very talented youngsters capable of earning All-League honors in the not-too-distant future. Indiana's leading scorer over the past three years has been 6-8 forward Clark Kellogg (18.6), one of the best young talents in the league. Kellogg has been a starter at power forward throughout most of his three-year career, but Irvine may choose to experiment, moving the former Ohio State All-American to the small forward position. Kellogg can truly do it all, as he proved a year ago by leading the team in scoring, rebounding and falling just 21 assists short of pacing the squad in that department, If Kellogg can successfully make the switch to the small forward spot, Indiana may go a lot farther than expected.

Moving into Kellogg's vacated power forward slot should be 6-9 rookle Wayman Tisdale, who the Pacers made their first round draft pick this season. Tisdale, the second player chosen overall, is a three-time All-American out of Oklahoma, where he bypassed his senior year to turn pro. Tisdale is already a proven scorer in the low post, but he's yet to prove his shooting range with any kind of consistency. It may take a couple of years, but once he's become polished, Tisdale will take his place among the best power forwards in the NBA. Despite his lack of experience, we expect Tisdale to score somewhere in the vicinity of 20 ppg

this season.

The Pacers have two outstanding young centers in 6-11 Herb Williams (18.3) and 6-11 Steve Stipanovich (13.7), both of whom saw extensive duty a year ago, both in the pivot and at power forward. Williams is a solid low-post scorer, who finished second on the team in rebounding and first in blocked shots with 134. Stipanovich is more of a finesse player who can score his points both inside and out. Stipo was second on the team in rejections with 78, while he also placed third on the team in rebs with 614. Williams will probably start in the middle, but Stipanovich should see plenty of minutes in a sixth-man role. Also lending a hand in the middle is 7-0 second-year man Stuart Gray (2.0), who was a bit of a disappointment as a rookie last year.

The top reserves up front will be rugged 6-9 Bill Garnett (6.4) and 6-10 free agent signee Winfred King, a former third round draft pick of the Boston Celtics. Garnett may not be the most talented individual in the world, but he usually manages to get the job done. The Pacers tabbed a couple of good forward prospects in this year's draft, the best of whom is 6-7 Billy Martin (Georgetown) who will definitely make the team and contribute in a big way. Also hoping to make the squad is 6-9 Jeff Acres (Oral Roberts).

The Pacers possess great flexibility off their bench with three players falling under the heading of swingman. Scrappy 6-8 Tony Brown (6.6) was a starter early last season, but proved valuable coming off the bench and mixing things up defensively. Second-year man 6-7 Devin Durrant (5.1) will also supply depth at big guard and small forward. Durrant has the tools to be a fine scorer, and the Pacers are expecting a great deal from him this season. Indiana used their second of two second round picks to select 6-6 skywalker Dwayne McClain, who helped lead Villanova to a National Championship last season. McClain is expected to get plenty of minutes this season, and Pacer fans should enloy his exciting style of play.

The Pacers have a solid young backcourt duo in 6-5 Vern Fleming (14.1) and 6-4 Jim Thomas (11.1), both of whom were somewhat inconsistent a year ago. Fleming showed flashes of brilliance in his rookie season as his outside shooting improved as the year went by. Fleming led the club in steals with 99 as he won the hearts of Indiana fans with his all-around play and hustle. Thomas has been a pleasant surprise for the Pacers over the past two seasons as he proved to be a decent point guard. It appears as though Thomas is just beginning to emerge as an offensive threat and Irvine is optimistic about his chances for even

greater improvement this season.

The top reserve at guard is former starter 6-2 Jerry Sichting (11.0), who's been a steady player for Indiana over the past five years. Despite missing 12 games with injuries, Sichting led the team in assists for the third consecutive season. Even if he doesn't start on the point, look for Sichting to again see plenty of action. High-flying second-year man 6-5 Terence Stansbury (7.1) was a pleasant surprise as a rookie last season and he'll look to see plenty of duty in a reserve role once again. Stansbury will play exclusively at the big guard spot, where in time he could assume a starting role, with Fleming moving to the point. The Pacers drafted four rookies with an outside chance at making the squad in a reserve capacity at guard. This foursome includes 6-2 Kenny Patterson (DePaul), 6-4 Vincent Hamilton (Clemson), 6-2 Kelvin Johnson (Richmond), and 6-3 Stu Primus (Boston College).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It seems as though the Pacers have been rebuilding for quite some time now, but their fans have yet to receive tangible results in the form of victories. Coach Irvine has some outstanding young talent with players like Kellogg, Williams, Fleming, Stipanovich, and Tisdale on the roster. In fact, the Pacers possess a four-deep front line that may be as good as any in the NBA. Look for the Pacers to post at least 30 to 35 wins this season, a drastic improvement from a year ago, but still less than should be expected of a team that possesses this kind of talent. Indiana will be fortunate to earn a playoff bid, and a fifth place finish seems likely with only the fading Atlanta

Hawks doing worse in the improved Central Division.

### Atlanta Hawks

(34-48, 5th in Central)

The Atlanta Hawks have been a team on the decline for the last few years, a trend that head coach Mike Fratello hopes to reverse this time around. Once considered to be the up and coming team in the Central Division, the Hawks slipped to a distant fifth place, finishing just 34-48 a year ago. The Hawks front office has made some highly questionable moves in the past, but recently they've done well, moving veterans out of the organization while building for the future. The Hawks paid the price for youth last year, and there's no reason to believe they won't again this

Long-time starter 7-1 Tree Rollins (6.3) has obviously begun to fade in the pivot and will undoubtedly be relegated to the bench this season. Rollins still led the squad in blocked shots with 167, but he wasn't much of an offensive threat, or rebounder for that matter. It appears as though Rollins days in the NBA are numbered. The Atlanta Hawks had the fourth choice overall in the draft, a pick they used to select 7-0 center Jon Koncak (SMU), a two-time All-American and former Olympic Gold Medalist. Koncak is a fine offensive player who'll have to work on his defense before becoming a top-notch NBA pivot man. Koncak will eventually get the starting nod at center, where we expect the youngster to

take his lumps as a rookie this year.

Last year's No. 1 pick, 7-0 Kevin Willis (9.3) was a pleasant surprise for the Hawks as a rookie. Willis displayed a solid all-around game, but he'll have to cut down on his personal fouls, a problem that many young players are often plagued with. Willis may also see plenty of action at power forward with Koncak coming aboard. In fact, the Hawks may choose to go with Koncak and Willis in the starting lineup, kind of a

Twin Tower setup like the Rockets employ with Sampson and Akeem. If Willis does start at power forward, incumbent Cliff Levingston would have to move to the bench or be traded. The 6-8 Levingston (9.8) led the team in rebounding a year ago and shot a decent 53 percent from the field. Levingston has an impressive track record and won't be easy to move out of the starting lineup. Former starter 6-7 Sly Williams (12.3) suffered through an injury-plagued campaign as he appeared in just 34 games a year ago. Williams, if healthy, should see plenty of minutes off the pines, but we don't expect him to return to the starting lineup this season.

Three other solid veterans return up front in the form of 6-9 Antoine Carr, 6-10 Scott Hastings and 6-10 Rickey Brown. Carr (8.0) could become a quality power forward if, and only if, he develops a jump shot. Hastings (3.8) and Brown (2.8) are capable of filling in at both forward and center, but neither seems likely to play a great deal this season. The 6-9 Carr is the only player of this trio who will see extensive duty this season. The Hawks tabbed 6-7 Lorenzo Charles (North Carolina State) in the second round of this year's draft, and he is certain to make the team. Charles is a two-time All-ACC pick who is best known for his slam dunk at the buzzer that beat Houston for the National Championship in 1983. With Charles joining the team, it seems likely that either Hastings or Brown will be gone by the start of the season.

Although the situations at center and power forward are quite confusing and pretty much up in the air, the small forward spot is in the very capable hands of 6-7 skywalker Dominique Wilkins. The exciting Wilkins, unquestionably Atlanta's best player, averaged an awesome 27.4 ppg a year ago, the sixth best figure in the league. The former University of Georgia star has developed into one of the best offensive players in the NBA, and perhaps the most exciting player, although some guy named Jordan might have something to say about that. The highlight of Wilkins' season last year must have been his glorious victory in the Second Annual Slam Dunk Competition, defeating such luminaries as Larry Nance, Dr. J and Michael J! Wilkins is a fixture at

The Hawks have a decent starting backcourt in the duo of 6-2 Eddie Johnson and 6-4 Glenn "Doc" Rivers. Johnson (16.3) begins his ninth season as an NBA guard, but he's yet to show signs of slowing down as evidenced by his lofty stats of a year ago. Johnson was the Hawks second leading scorer last year, and he also led the team in assists with 566. Johnson may not be the player he once was now that he's reached his 30th birthday, but he's still a quality NBA backcourt man. Rivers

(14.1) has done very well for Atlanta over his first two years, especially considering his relative lack of experience. Rivers left Marquette after his junior year in order to become eligible for the NBA draft. He shot an outstanding 41 percent from the three-point line a year ago, thus establishing himself as one of the league's better long-range marskmen. Rivers should continue to improve over the next few years, and his development is crucial to the Atlanta Hawks future.

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Atlanta has two solid reserves at guard in 6-3 vet Mike Glenn and 6-6 youngster Randy Whittman. Over his career, the sharpshooting Glenn has been one of the best long-range gunners in the NBA. Last year,

Glenn shot 58.8 percent on his way to averaging 8.6 ppg and most of those shots came from downtown! Whittman (9.9) emerged as an offensive force during the second half of last season and Fratello will not hesitate to use the former Indiana star in clutch situations.

The Hawks drafted two guards with a chance of making the squad and they are 6-2 Sedric Toney (Dayton) and 6-2 John Battle (Rutgers), both of whom were very impressive for Atlanta's summer league team. It would seem certain that both Toney and Battle are capable of earning NBA pay, even if it's not with the Hawks.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Hawks fans haven't had much to get excited about lately; in fact, if it weren't for Wilkins, things might get pretty boring in Atlanta. However, there is some decent young talent on this team, especially players like Rivers, Willis and Koncak. Koncak may be the key to the Hawks NBA future and his development in the pivot is crucial. The Hawks have hired former NBA star Willis Reed as an assistant coach and his main responsibility will be to tutor Koncak on the finer points of being an NBA center. Big Jon will be learning from one of the best big men to ever play the game. But the Hawks will suffer while they're building for the future, so the best Atlanta can hope for is to finish a distant fourth in the rapidly improving Central Divison.



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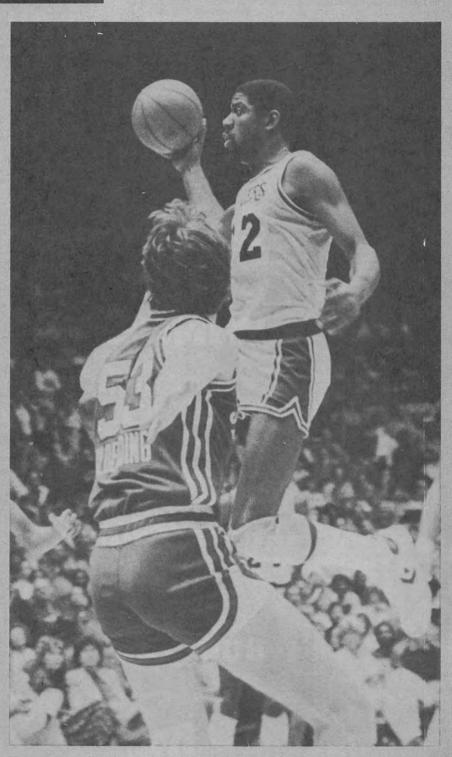
C—Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, LA F—Ralph Sampson, Houston F—Alex English, Denver G—Rolando Blackman, Dallas G—Magic Johnson, Los Angeles

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C—Benoit Benjamin, Los Angeles F—Xavier McDaniel, Seattle F—Eddie Pinckney, Phoenix Suns G—Chris Mullin, Golden State G—Detlef Schrempf, Dallas



Earvin "Magic" Johnson Los Angeles Lakers

## Midwest Division

### **Houston Rockets**

(48-34, 2nd in Midwest)

A great experiment took place in Houston last year, one that made the Rocket front office come out smelling like roses. The Rockets, who had the first pick in the entire draft a year ago, bypassed exciting Michael Jordan and selected big 7-0 center Akeem Olajuwon out of the University of Houston instead. Now, this seemed particularly strange considering that Houston already had an outstanding young center in 7-4 Ralph Sampson, who the previous season was voted the top rockie in the NBA. So anyone who knew anything about basketball was somewhat skeptical when head coach Bill Fitch and the rest of the Houston front offed decided to go with Akeem at center and Sampson at the power forward spot. Well, the experiment proved to be a tremendous success as the Twin Towers led the Rockets to a 48-34 record, good for second place in the Midwest Division. This proved to be one of the most dramatic turnarounds in NBA history, because the Rockets had won just 29 games the year before. Well, NBA fans, last year was just the beginning for Houston and we expect them to be even better this season.

As stated before, the Rockets have what may be the two best young big men in the league in 7-0 Akeem Olajuwon and 7-4 Ralph Sampson. Olajuwon (20.6/11.9) had a very successful first season in the NBA as he led the Rockets in rebounding and finished second on the team in scoring. To go along with those achievements, Akeem also led the team in blocked shots with 220 and in steals with 99. If it weren't for Michael Jordan and his very exciting style of play, Olajuwon would have certainly been rookie of the year. Believe it or not, he's just starting to realize his

potential!

The 7-4 Sampson (22.1/10.4) may have caused NBA purists to redefine what has become known as the power forward position. Sampson led the team in scoring a year ago, shooting an even 50 percent from the field, and very few of those points were scored inside. Sampson has outstanding shooting range for a man his size, and it's not unusual to see the big guy pop one in from twenty feet or more. Sampson is undoubtedly one of the best al-around players in the game, as he's redefin-

ed the role of the seven-footer.

Houston has another fine young talent at the small forward position in 6-8 third-year pro Rodney McCray (14.4/6.6), who like Sampson is an outstanding player in all facets of the game. Because of Akeem and Ralph, McCray may not get the publicity he deserves, but he's developing into an excellent NBA forward. A trio of experienced youngsters are expected to provide depth at the big forward and center positions. The best of this trio may be 6-9 Larry Micheaux (4.2), a former teammate of Akeem's in college at Houston. Micheaux had bounced around the league for most of his first two seasons, but he may have found a home in Houston late last year as he shot 60.7 percent as a Rocket. Also lending a hand up front is 6-10 second-year man Jim Petersen (3.2) and 6-11 Granville Walters (3.2), the latter having been acquired in an off-season deal with the Indiana Pacers.

Seasoned 6-8 veteran Robert Reid (8.7) will help spell McCray at small forward, while also supplying depth at the off guard spot. Veteran 6-9 Hank McDowell's roster spot is in severe jeopardy after averaging just 1.4 ppg a year ago. Hoping to unseat McDowell is 6-7 free agent signee Michael Young, another former standout at the University of Houston. Also trying to stick with the team as frontcourt reserves are a trio of unheralded newcomers, all of whom performed well for the Rockets summer league team of rookies and free agents. These three young forwards are 6-7 Sam Mitchell (Mercer), 6-10 Michael Payne (Minnesota),

and 6-8 Sam Potter (Oral Roberts).

Coach Fitch had a little bit of trouble sorting things out in the backcourt last season. Starting point guard 6-3 John Lucas (11.4) played very well at times, but he experienced yet another case of his recurrent drug problem which forced him to miss 35 games. Lucas has proven that when he's got his head on straight, he can be a very good point guard. Hopefully for Coach Fitch and the Rockets, Lucas has finally put all his personal problems behind him. When Lucas was out, 6-3 veteran Lionel Hollins (7.6) got the starting call on the point. Hollins did a decent job, leading the team in assists with 417, good for an average of 5.2 per contest. Although Hollins may have seen better days, he proved a year ago that he can still be an asset to a contending team.

The starter at off guard will again be 6-6 leaper Lewis Lloyd (13.1), who experienced a somewhat inconsistent campaign a year ago. Lloyd has the potential for greatness, but he's yet to prove that he can be spectacular night in and night out. Still, Coach Fitch could do a lot worse at the big guard position. The Rockets have a dependable back-up for Lloyd in 6-4 third-year man Mitchell Wiggins (9.0), a steady performer who's proven that he can get the job done. Wiggins will probably be the

first guard off the bench this season.

The Rockets have two experienced backcourt reserves in 6-2 Allen Leavell (5.4) and rangy 6-7 Craig Ehlo (1.9), both of whom may not be with Houston when the season gets under way. In the first round of this year's draft, the Rockets selected 6-5 high-scoring guard Steve Harris

from Tulsa. Harris, the nineteenth player selected overall, is an outstanding scorer who should get plenty of minutes for Houston this season. Harris has the potential to be a fine NBA guard. Also hoping to make the team at guard is 6-2 free agent signee Eric Turner, the former University of Michigan star who was a second round draft choice of the Detroit

Pistons a year ago

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Houston Rockets were an outstanding basketball team a year ago, and we expect them to be even better this season. In the trio of Akeem Olajuwon, Ralph Sampson and Rodney McCray, the Rockets have what may be the best NBA front line for the next decade! The combination of Akeem and Sampson inside is just too tough to beat especially now that Ralph has developed a long-range jumper. The success of this team will depend greatly on the performances of Lucas on the point and rookie Harris off the bench. Also crucial is the development of a somewhat weak front line reserve crew, whose performance a year ago was mediocre at best. The Rockets should be the best team in the Midwest Division, although Denver and Dallas cannnot be completely written off. We look for Houston to win their division and give the Lakers a spirited battle for the Western Conference Championship. Even if the Rockets come up short against LA, it doesn't really matter, because time is truly on their side!

### **Dallas Mavericks**

(44-38, 3rd in Midwest)

Don't look now, but Dick Motta is putting together a team with the potential for future greatness. There's still a few ingredients missing as last year's 44-38 record would indicate, but with a great draft of young players coming aboard, the future could be sooner than you think. Last year's team finished a solid third in the Midwest Division, behind the surprising Denver Nuggets and youthful Houston Rockets. Dallas could have done much better considering their overall talent, but don't forget how young this club is. With the exception of point guard Brad Davis, an eight-year veteran, no Maverick has more than four years under his NBA belt. Needless to say, Coach Motta is pretty excited about his team's chances this season. The Mavs will definitely be one of the best teams in the Western Conference, and perhaps the best in the Midwest Division.

The big man for the Mavericks is 6-6 forward Mark Aguirre, one of the best pure scorers in the NBA. Last season, Aguirre averaged a whopping 25.7 ppg, eighth best in the league. Aguirre came into the league as a fine offensive talent, but he's improved the rest of his game drastically over the past two years, as evidenced by his 6.0 rebounds per game and 249 assists dished out. Without question, the former DePaul University All-American has developed into one of the premier small forwards in the NBA. There's been a great deal of speculation about who'll lineup next to Aquirre at forward. Motta would like to go with 6-9 Sam Perkins (11.0), a starter much of last year, his first in the league, at center. Perkins is definitely first in the league, at center. Perkins is definitely better-suited to play the big forward spot, since he appears to do much better when facing the basket. If Perkins does move to forward, 6-7 Sam Vincent will again be relegated to the bench. Vincent (18.2) is a good scorer both inside and out, but his real strength may be on the boards where he collected a team-leading 704 rebounds a year ago. Whether he starts or not, Vincent is sure to see plenty of action this season.

All of the confusion surrounding who'll start up front has been created by the Mayericks' outstanding draft choices coming aboard this season. Dallas had three first round picks, and the smallest player of the trio selected is 6-10! The leading candidate to start at center is 7-0 Bill Wennington (St. John's), the 16th player selected overall this year. Wennington is a fine low-post scorer with tremendous shot-blocking ability. His only apparent weakness is in rebounding, which is somewhat puzzling considering his fine leaping ability. The Mavs used their third first rounder to select 7-2 Uwe Blab (Indiana) who has been projected as a back-up for Wennington. The drafting of Blab and Wennington could lead to a drastic decrease in playing time for incumbent pivotmen Kurt Nimphius and Wallace Bryant. The 6-11 Nimphius (6.1) is a fine passer for a big man, and he should continue to get playing time. The same cannot be said for the hulking 7-0 Bryant (2.9), whose NBA future may be in jeopardy. Bryant did not exhibit Kareem-like skills in putting the ball through the net last year, his first as a Maverick. Also lending a hand in reserve up front are 6-8 second-year man Charlie Sutton (2.1) and 6-10 rookie Mark Acres (Oral Roberts).

The Mavs will have two players capable of swinging back and forth between forward and guard. Returning to fill this valuable spot on the roster is third-year man Dale Ellis, one of the best three-point shooters in the league. The 6-7 Ellis (9.3) shot just 45 percent overall from the field, but he nailed a whopping 39 percent of his three-point attempts a year ago. Ellis is a fine all-around player who might just be capable of earning a starting job in the NBA, but certainly not with the talent-laden Mavericks. Dallas used their eighth pick in the draft to select 6-10 swingman Detlef Schrempf (Washington), perhaps the most versatile player to play the college game since Magic Johnson. In fact, Schrempf

has been called a "white version" of the Magic Man, a pretty favorable comparison. Like Johnson, Schrempf can play all five positions, including the point guard spot where he's an outstanding ball handler. Schrempf is being projected as the team's ace sixth man, capable of fill-

ing in at both guard and forward spots.

Handling the point guard duties will again be 6-3 veteran Brad Davis (10.1), who may not look all that impressive, but he gets the job done and runs the offense extremely well. Like Ellis, Davis is considered to be one of the top long-range gunners in the NBA, knocking home 40.9 percent from beyond the three point line a year ago. Starting at off guard will again be All-Pro Rolando Blackman (19.7), one of the most underrated players in the league. The 6-6 Blackman is a force offensively and a major disrupter on defense. Blackman can do it all, but he's a scorer in the true sense of the word. He can get his points from anywhere. He's a great outside shooter who can also use his tremendous size to post up on some of the league's smaller guards. The duo of Blackman and Davis gives Motta one of the best backcourts in the league.

The top reserve at guard is 6-4 Derek Harper (9.6), the heir apparent to Davis at the point guard position. Harper is a fine young talent who is just coming into his own as an offensive threat. Look for Harper to begin seeing more playing time as Motta will gradually work him into Davis' point guard job. Also in reserve at guard is 6-4 Tom Sluby (2.4), along with Ellis and Schrempf. Rookies with a chance at sticking in the backcourt are 6-4 Tommy Davis (Minnesota) and 5-11 Bubba Jennings

(Texas Tech).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: The Dallas Mavericks have been improving steadily over the past three years, a trend that should continue this season. Coach Motta will have the luxury of going at least nine or ten deep off the bench. In fact, his biggest problem may be satisfying everybody's need for more playing time. With Aguirre and Blackman leading the way, Dallas will be overpowering offensively. Their success defensively hinges on the development of players like Perkins, Harper and rookle Bill Wennington. Look for the Mays to make a credible run at the Midwest Divisional Crown, probably coming up a little short with the Houston Rockets leading the way. Even if they fail to win their division, the Mavericks should prove to be quite formidable in post-season play.

## **Denver Nuggets**

(52-30, 1st in Central)

Quick, who was the best executive in the NBA last year? No, Red Auerbach was a good guess though. And it's not Pat Williams of the Sixers either. Without question, the top front office "player" last year was Denver Nugget team President Vince Boryla. You've probably never heard of Boryla, but he was the man most responsible for the blockbuster trade that turned Denver into contenders.

Last summer, prior to the start of the '84-'85 season, Boryla engineered a trade that sent high-scoring forward Kiki Vandeweghe to the Portland Trail Blazers in exchange for center Wayne Cooper, forward Calvin Natt and point guard Lafayette "Fat" Lever. The Blazers also "threw in" two draft choices, one of which Denver used to draft guard Willie White last year, and the other a first rounder this year used to tab big center Blair Rasmussen. White made the team last year, while Rasmussen appears to be a lock to do the same this season. Now, unless our math is wrong, the Nuggets received five bonafide NBA players, three of whom are starters for Denver, for one overpaid, defensively weak, temperamental forward. In "basic" language, that just does not compute! Is Boryla really that smart, or should the Portland front office start looking for a new line of work?

The result of that monumental trade is now quite familiar to NBA fans. The Trail Blazers struggled all year long with rookie Sam Bowie replacing Cooper at center and the erratic Darnell Valentine subbing for Lever on the point. Vandeweghe didn't help much despite scoring more than 22 points per game, and by the end of the year he was riding the than 22 points per game, and by the end of the year ne was froing the pines. The Nuggets, meanwhile, stormed to the top of the Central Division while being led by Natt, Lever, Cooper and holdover Alex English. If you're a Denver fan, you've never seen a better trade. If you live in Portland, you might be cancelling your season tickets! Well, whatever the case, the Nuggets had a great year, but we feel they may be hard-pressed to repeat as Division champs with the young Rockets and

Mavericks breathing down their necks.

The strength of the Denver Nugget attack is undoubtedly at the forward position, where Coach Doug Moe has the luxury of starting not one, but two All-Pro performers in 6-8 Calvin Natt and 6-7 Alex English. Natt (23.3) is a fantastic all-around player who's coming off his best season ever. He can truly do it all, score, pass, rebound, play defense, you name it! We suggest watching a Nuggets game if you've never seen Natt play, it's truly a pleasure. No one in the league puts out more effort

night in and night out than Calvin Natt!

While Natt handles the power forward position, the small forward spot is in the safe hands of the smooth 6-7 Alex English. English is coming off yet another outstanding year that saw him scorch the nets to the tune of nearly 28 points per contest. English is one of those guys in the league who you don't try and shut down; you just try to slow him down. Like King, Bird and now Jordan, no matter what you do, Alex English is going to get his points!

The center spot will again be handled by rugged 6-10 Wayne Cooper, one of the league's best shot blockers. Cooper (12.1) will never be in the league of a Jabbar or a Malone, but he's the kind of player who'll never

hurf you with his solid aggressive play.

Depth in the frontline was severely depleted over the summer when

cagey veteran 6-9 center-forward Dan Issel decided to call it quits after 15 professional seasons. Despite his advanced age and creeping waistline, "The Horse" still managed to nail home 12.8 points per game last season. Issel was a true gentlemen and a real credit to the game. His presence will be missed by NBA fans, but even more so by coach Doug Moe and the rest of the Denver Nuggets. With Issel gone, two players will receive drastic increases in playing time. Big 6-11 Danny Schayes (3.6) should see plenty of time spelling Cooper in the pivot, while 6-9 banger Joe Kopicki (3.5) will provide depth at power forward. Schayes is a former starter in the NBA (Utah Jazz) who'd rather forget last season's miserable performance. Kopicki is the proverbial overachiever, the guy who the scouts said would never make it in the NBA. Also supplying depth up front is 6-7 defensive specialist Bill Hanzlik (7.8), who can also fill in at guard. Hanzlik is coming off his finest NBA season and we expect him to be one of the first guys Doug Mee will go to off the herch. Moe will go to off the bench.

Former Portland Trail Blazer 6-3 Lafayette Lever (12.8) will again be the starting point guard for Denver. Lever surpassed all expectations last season as he dished out 613 assists to go along with 202 steals. Lever also made a giant leap forward as a scorer, but he must shoot better than 43 percent from the field this season. Lever is the quarterback

of Denver's fast-paced motion offense.

The starting off guard is 6-4 veteran T.R. Dunn (5.4), a modest scorer who does all the little jobs that don't get him much credit. Dunn is one of the league's best defensive guards, and for his size, he's an incredible rebounder. With scorers like Natt and English in the lineup, you don't

mind using a guy like Dunn.

The Nuggets are fortunate enough to have not one, but two solid reserves at the guard spot. Former Dallas Maverick 6-5 Elston Turner (5.1) was a pleasant surprise in his first season with Denver. Turner will mostly see time in place of Dunn at the off guard spot, but he's versatile enough to play the point on occasion. Veteran journeyman Mike Evans had bounced around the league since 1979 until finding a home in Denver two years back. The 6-1 Evans (10.1) had his best season ever, his solid performance prompting the release of former starter Rob Williams. Evans had an outstanding year shooting the basketball, as he established himself as one of the league's premier three-point threats. For the season, Evans canned a solid 36 percent of his three-point efforts. Also available at guard is second-year man Willie White (3.3), who saw limited duty as a rookie.

This year's draft was not a great one, but compared to recent Denver rookie crops, it was fantastic. Big 7-0 center Blair Rasmussen (Oregon) was the team's surprise first round choice. Rasmussen should make the team easily with his solid offensive capabilities; his defense and rebounding, however, leave much to be desired. The Nugget second round choice, 6-5 Barry Stevens (lowa State), should be a decent player once he makes the adjustment from college forward to pro guard. Others with a chance at making the squad include Arizona University forwards 6-7

Pete Williams and 6-8 Eddie Smith.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year was a dream come true for the Denver Nuggets as they stormed to the top of the improving Central Division. Unfortunately, as the playoffs illustrated, the Nuggets are not quite in the league of the Bostons and the LA's. With Cooper, Natt and Lever coming over, the Nuggets snuck up on people last year; the same thing will not happen this season. The Nuggets will definitely be a winning team this year, but capturing a divisional title will not be quite as easy. The young Houston Rockets will be drastically improved, while the Dallas Mavericks have bettered themselves through a great draft. Look for Denver to battle Houston and Dallas all the way to the end. We're picking the Nuggets third, but they could just as easily win their second consecutive divisional crown.

### **Utah Jazz**

(41-41, 4th in Midwest)

Last year was a bit of a bummer for Utah fans as they witnessed their team finish with a 41-41 record. Even we at GAMEPLAN were a bit shocked by Utah's el foldo. Like several other publications, we had picked the Jazz as the team to beat in the Midwest Division. It's fairly obvious why Utah failed in their quest for a second consecutive first place finish. Starting small forward Adrian Dantley, a former NBA scoring champ, missed more than one third of the season with injuries. Perhaps even more devastating was the permanent loss of ace sixth man John Drew (16.2), who was given his unconditional release early last season after a losing battle with drug dependency. With Drew gone, the Utah bench lacked the explosiveness they had the previous year. Coach Frank Layden's problems were made even worse by a mediocre draft which yielded only one NBA caliber player in guard John Stockton. With Dantley healthy and a fine draft in hand, Coach Layden is optimistic about his team's chances for this season.

As he's been for quite some time, the main man in the Utah attack is 6-5 small forward Adrian Dantley, who was plagued by a rath of injuries a year ago. Despite the nagging ailments, A.D. managed to fill the nets to the tune of nearly 27 ppg, finishing a solid seventh in the NBA scoring race. When healthy and in a good state of mind, Dantley is an offensive threat with few peers. Dantley must have a big year if the Jazz are to make a move up the Midwest Division ladder. Joining Dantley at forward will probably be 6-11 youngster Thurl Bailey (15.2), one of the brightest young power forwards in the league. Bailey showed tremendous Improvement in his second NBA season a year ago. For the year, the former N.C. State All-American finished third on the team in scoring and

a solid second in rebounding.

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At center, the Jazz have one of the best kept secrets in the league in massive 7-4 flyswatter Mark Eaton (9.7), one of the most underrated pivotmen in the NBA Although not much of an offensive threat, Eaton gets the job done with defense and he set an N.B.A. record last year by blocking 456 shots. Eaton also grabbed nearly 1,000 rebounds to go along with his record for rejections. Eaton is undoubtedly a force in the middle for Utah. Returning for yet another year as the backup center is 7-0 journeyman Rich Kelley (3.8). Not expected back, however, is 6-11 veteran Billy Paultz (1.3), who has apparently outlived his welcome in Utah. Providing solld depth up front will again be 6-10 Jeff Wilkins (8.0) and 6-11 Fred Roberts (7.7), a pair of natural power forwards who can also fill in at center if necessary. Wilkins and Roberts were key performers in Utah's late-season surge that helped them reach the .500 mark a year ago.

Utah had the thirteenth pick overall in this year's draft, a choice they used to select 6-9 hardship case Karl Malone out of Louisiana Tech. Malone is an immensely talented young man who is expected to supply depth at the power forward spot, although Layden is toying with the idea of trying "The Mallman" at small forward. This year's No. 2 pick is 6-9 forward Carey Scurry (Long Island), one of the top rebounders on the collegiate level a year ago. Scurry is expected to make the team as a frontcourt reserve. Other front line draftees of note include 6-8 Jim Miller

(Virginia) and 6-9 Mike Wadler (Texas).

Layden is blessed with one of the better starting backcourts in the league in the duo of 6-4 Derrell Griffith and 6-0 point man Rickey Green. Griffith, who can hurt you in a variety of ways, is just simply one of the top five off guards in the NBA. Once again, Griffith ranked among the league leaders in scoring average (22.6) and three-point field goal accuracy, knocking home 35.8 percent from beyond the line. As he usually does, Green ranked among the league leaders in both assists and steals, while still managing to find time to score 13.0 ppg on his own. Green may not get the publicity of a Magic Johnson or Isiah Thomas, but he's a quality point guard who runs an offense to near perfection.

The first guard off the bench is 6-1 second-year pro John Stockton (5.6), the only rookie to make the squad a year ago. The Utah front office would like to see Stockton become assertive on the offensive end of the floor, where he too often passed up his jump shot. Still, the youngster managed to finish second on the team in assists with 415. No other backcourt reserve saw extensive duty a year ago, with only 6-6 Bob Hansen (4.8) appearing in more than 50 ball games. Other guards with veteran experience include 6-8 Mitchell Anderson (3.4) and little-used 6-7 shooter Pace Mannion (2.1). Fourth and fifth round draft choices 6-2 Delaney Rudd (Wake Forest) and 6-4 Ray Hall (Canisius) will try to stay

with the Jazz as reserve guards.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Frank Layden has the makings of a very average team in Utah, one that really shouldn't challenge for divisional honors. Utah does have some fine offensive players in the starting lineup, Dantley and Griffith in particular, but the bench is somewhat lacking, especially at the guard spot where depth is virtually non-existent. With the exception of Griffith, the Jazz will be pretty much a power team, scoring most of their points down low. This is usually a pretty good philosophy in the N.B.A., except of course when you have very little competent outside shooting. We look for Utah to finish a solid fourth on the Midwest Division, probably winning about as many games as they lose.

## San Antonio Spurs

(41-41, 4th in Midwest)

Once the perennial power of the Midwest Division, things haven't been going too well as of late for the San Antonio Spurs, Second-year head coach Cotton Fitzsimmons has walked into a difficult situation in San Antonio. The team's lop three scorers for the past umpteen seasons have a combined 34 years of NBA experience under their belts! Now, that's a scary figure that might lead one to the proper conclusion that San Antonio is in serious trouble. One has to wonder if the aging trio of George Gervin, Mike Mitchell and Artis Gilmore can continue to produce in the rough and tumble NBA. What's even more discouraging to Coach Fitzsimmons is that there's a severe lack of good young talent on the roster. Combining aging veterans with undistinguished youngsters is usually not a very good mix.

The main man in the middle for the Spurs is fourteen year veteran Artis Gilmore, who at age 36 is not getting any younger in what has in-creasingly become a young man's game. The 7-2 Gilmore (19.1) finished third on the team in scoring last year on his way to a 62.3 percent field goal accuracy total, good for second best in the league. Gilmore also ranked among the league's top ten board bangers, snaring nearly 850 rebounds a year ago. One does have to wonder how much longer Gilmore's knees can carry his 265 pound body up and down the courts of

the NBA.

The Spurs finally have a legitimate power forward in 6-10 Steve Johnson, who was acquired in an off-season deal that sent quick forward Gene Banks (9.5) to the Chicago Bulls. Johnson (10.0) should earn a starting position on the board hungry Spurs, who can really use a big man like him. However, we don't consider Johnson to be a top-notch power forward since, he's never really lived up to the star billing he received upon graduating from Oregon State a few years back

San Antonio has one of the game's premier small forwards in 6-7 veteran Mike Mitchell (22.2), the Spurs leading point producer last season. Mitchell is one of those guys who doesn't get the recognition he deserves, but without a doubt, he's a Class A NBA forward. The top

returning reserve up front is 6-10 banger Marc lavaroni (6.0), who was acquired by the Spurs during the 1984-85 season, lavaroni, a former starter for the Sixers, became expendable in Philadelphia due to the emergence of Charles Barkley, Also in reserve at forward is 6-10 journeyman Jeff Cook (4.5), who did a decent job for the Spurs after being picked up from Cleveland early last season. Cook san also fill in at center if necessary. Backing up Gilmore in the middle is 6-11 secondyear pro Ozell Jones (3.7), who was quite a pleasant surprise last season. Jones, a late round draft choice, was not expected to even make the roster, but he contributed valuable minutes in relief of Gilmore.

The Spurs attempted to increase depth up front by selecting.7-1 center Mike Brittain (South Carolina) in the second round of last summer's NBA draft. Brittain has been labeled a sleeper by many NBA scouts, but we don't see him becoming any more than a role player for San Antonio. Also hoping to make the squad up front is unheralded 6-10 fifth round pick Clayton Oliver (USC).

The Spurs will have a trio of players who are expected to swing back and forth between forward and guard this season. The first of this trilogy is 6-6 veteran Billy Knight (6.0), a cagey vet whose best days may be behind him. The other two are San Antonio's other two early round picks, 6-5 Alfrederick Hughes and 6-6 Tyrone Corbin. Hughes (Loyola, Chi.) was the Spurs' first round pick this season and his selection caused quite a stir around the NBA. Many observers were amazed by the selection of Hughes, who at 6-5 is probably too small to play forward, and he apparently lacks the skills to play guard. Needless to say, the jury is definitely still out on Mr. Hughes! Corbin (DePaul) should make

the team, but like Hughes he's kind of an in between player.
At the big guard position, George "The Iceman" Gervin returns for his
13th professional season. Gervin (21.1), a former NBA scoring champ, suffered though his worst year statistically since his rookie season of 1972. One has to wonder if time might not be catching up with the Iceman, who can apparently no longer play the kind of minutes he used to. Despite getting on a bit, Gervin is still one of the better scorers in the league and he should continue to be for at least one more season. Joining Ice in the starting backcourt is 6-3 point guard Johnny Moore, one of the league's premier assist men. Moore (12.8) was outstanding a year ago, dishing out a team-high 846 assists, which also happened to be the third best figure in the NBA, behind only Islah Thomas and Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Moore will look to improve on his shooting this season, where a year ago he hit just 45 percent from the field.

The Spurs have two good young reserve guards in 6-4 Alvin Robertson (9.2) and 6-2 John Paxson (6.2). Robertson enjoyed a fine rookie campaign a year ago, as he established himself as one of the better young guards in the NBA. Robertson provides the Spurs with solid defense off the bench and he's capable of playing either guard spot. Paxson is a solid point man and the younger brother of Portland All-Pro Jim Paxson. Signed as a free agent over the summer was 6-5 Victor Fleming, the twin brother of Vern Fleming, currently a starting guard for the Pacers. Victor is expected to make the team and provide relief for the Iceman at the big

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things aren't looking too good in San Antonio where their basketball team appears headed for a very average season. The Spurs should manage to score their fair share of points with Gervin, Mitchell and Gilmore in the lineup, but as usual they'll have great difficulty in keeping the opposition off the board. The Midwest Division keeps getting younger and stronger with teams like Houston and Dallas moving to the forefront. While this goes on, the aging Spurs will continue to fade in the standings. We expect San Antonio to finish no better than fourth in their division, possibly even being relegated to fifth by the Utah Jazz. If could be a very long year for Coach Cotton Fitzsimmons, who faces the unenviable task of rebuilding a fallen franchise.

### Sacramento Kings

(31-51, 6th in Midwest)

Saying that things didn't go too well for this club last year would be as much an understatement as saying that Rolls Royce is just a car. The 1984-85 season was certainly not a banner one for the Kings, who finished a pathetic 31-51. Not only did the team suffer on the court, but the franchise got buried at the box office. As a result, the Kings packed up and headed out to California, where they believe west coast fans will accept another new ballclub. Considering the lack of overall talent on the team's roster, it doesn't appear as though the change of scenery will

make much difference in the victory column this season.

The strength of this team is definitely in the backcourt where new head coach Phil Johnson will have the rare luxury of three outstanding guards. The starting point guard is 6-2 former All-Pro Larry Drew, who by his standards is not coming off a very good year. Drew suffered through a long contract dispute with the Kings last year and most NBA experts claim that this affected his play. Despite his personal problems, Drew managed to knock home 14.9 ppg and dish out a total of 484 assists, good for second best on the team. Still, those figures were well below the numbers he posted in the previous two seasons. It remains to be seen whether or not Drew can bounce back at the tender young age of 27. Joining Drew in the starting backcourt is 6-7 veteran Reggie Theus (16.4), who enjoyed one of the best years of his career last season. Theus was once one of the game's premier point producers but could do little else. Last year, however, Theus finally became a complete player, exhibiting the unselfishness he never showed in Chicago. Believe it or not, the once "shoot at all costs" Theus led the Kings in assists last year with 656. The Kings may have the best third guard in the NBA in 6-5

former Indiana star Mike Woodson (17.0), who despite his non-regular status finished second on the team in scoring. Coming off the bench, Woodson played nearly 2,000 minutes last year and provided the Kings with a fine offensive spark. Now that Kevin McHale has become a regular in Boston, Woodson may finally begin to get the recognition he

deserves as the league's best sixth man.

Last year's fourth guard, 6-4 veteran Don Buse (3.4), has finally decided to call it quits after twelve professional seasons, and the Kings are bound to miss his leadership and three point shooting ability. So they went out and signed two free agent guards over the summer in 6-6 Carl Henry and 6-2 former Cavalier regular Geoff Huston, both of whom will attempt to make the squad as reserves. This year's draft yielded two backcourters with a chance at making the grade, and they are 6-6 Charlie Bradley (South Florida) and exciting 5-10 point guard Michael Adams (Boston College), one of the top players in the USBL last sum-

If the backcourt situation looks good, Sacramento's front line leaves much to be desired. The Kings lack of quality big men is quite apparent. The situation up front is somewhat unsettled, except at small forward where 6-7 Eddle Johnson provides the Kings with a solid scoring threat from anywhere on the court. Johnson led the team in scoring a year ago, ripping the nets for nearly 23 points per game. The likely starter in the pivot is 6-10 youngster LaSalle Thompson (11.8), who has been somewhat of a disappointment during his brief NBA career. Thompson has yet to assert himself on the offensive end of the floor, and overall he's been somewhat passive in the middle. Despite his alleged nonchalent attitude, Thompson managed to grab a team-high 854 rebounds a year ago, the most by any King player in the last decade. Thompson has the potential to be a dominant NBA center, but after three years in the league, you have to wonder when he'll fulfill that potential.

Second-year pro 6-9 Otis Thorpe is slated to start at power forward after picking off 556 boards last season. Thorpe also managed to hit for

double figures (12.8 ppg) as a rookie, and much is expected of this former Providence College star. Sacramento will have two experienced reserves up front in 6-10 Joe C. Meriweather (4.5) and 6-9 Mark Olberding (10.2), neither of whom have ever really been first-class NBA players. Meriweather will fill in at both center and forward, while Olberding will supply depth strictly at forward. Other experienced up front reserves include 6-7 Eddie Nealy (2.8) and 6-9 Peter Verhoeven (2.3), both of whom are expected to see very limited duty this season. The Kings needed a lot of help up front from this year's draft and they may have got just that in the form of 6-11 big man Joe Kleine (Arkansas), a former Olympic Gold Medalist. Kleine was the sixth player taken overall in this year's draft and he's the guy who Sacramento hopes to build on for the future. Kleine is expected to play both center and power forward, and considering Big Joe's hard-working style, it's only a matter of time before he ends up in the starting lineup. Kleine reminds some NBA experts of former Boston Celtic star Dave Cowens, and that's not a bad guy to pattern yourself after. Other rookies hoping to make the team up front in-clude 6-11 Willie Simmons (Louisiana Tech), 6-8 Charles Balentine (Arkansas) and 6-8 David Cooke (St. Mary's).

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year wasn't exactly a memorable one for this franchise. In fact, only a late season hot streak kept the Kings from having the worst record in the league. The front office is hopeful that the move west, along with a new head coach (Phil Johnson), will inspire the team to new heights. Sacramento has some fine offensive players in the foursome of Johnson, Drew, Theus and ace sixth man Mike Woodson. Unfortunately for Coach Johnson, all four of those players are primarily outside shooters, with not one of them being over 6-7. As we all know, if you live by the jump shot, you will die by the jump shot, and that pretty much sums things up for the Sacramento Kings. In order for this team to become competitive, they must develop a stronger inside game and play much better defense.

## Pacific Division

### Los Angeles Lakers

(62-20, 1st in Pacific)

The 1980's have proved to be the decade of the superteams. Over the last six seasons, only three teams have captured the NBA Championship. The Los Angeles Lakers have claimed three of those titles, with Philadelphia (one) and Boston (two) sharing the other half. And that pattern won't be broken this time around, either, as we expect the Lakers to

win it all again.

Without question, the Lakers have more individual talent than any team in the league. Their starting five may be no better than that of Boston, but their bench is head and shoulders above the Celtic reserves. Therefore, it should have been no surprise to NBA fans when the Lakers knocked off Boston in six games to win the NBA Championship. We at GAMEPLAN were not surprised at all; in fact, if you read last year's magazine, you must have noticed that we predicted Los Angeles would dethrone the Celtics last season. With that same powerful lineup returning, things look pretty good for coach Pat Riley and his Lakers to repeat as NBA champs, something that has not been accomplished since Bill Russell and the Celtics turned the trick more than fifteen years ago.

When you think about the Los Angeles Lakers, the first man that probably comes to mind is veteran center Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. The 7-2 Jabbar, perhaps the greatest player the game has ever known, is the heart and soul of this Laker team. Despite 38 years and the wear of fifteen NBA seasons on his aging body, Jabbar had one of his finest years ever last season. He shot 60 percent from the field on his way to a 22 ppg average, best on the team. Jabbar also led the team in rebounding and blocked shots, a good Illustration of his worth to the Lakers.

Backing up Jabbar is 6-10 veteran Bob McAdoo (10.5), no longer the player he once was, but still very capable of exploding offensively. McAdoo is a former scoring champion who at age 34 has begun to slow down as an all-around player. Also helping out in the middle is 6-10 Mitch Kupchak (5.3), who did a fine job for L.A. in the playoffs last season. Kupchak supplies the Lakers with some badly needed muscle. Both he and McAdoo can also play the big forward position if necessary.

The starting power forward will again be 6-8 workhorse Kurt Rambis, a modest scorer throughout his brief NBA carrer, but the kind of guy you want in your lineup. Rambis (5.2) does all the little things that often go unnoticed, like rebounding, shot-blocking and defense. It is often a Rambis rebound that starts the awesome Laker fast break. The other starting forward is 6.9 skywalker James Worthy (17.6), who is coming off the best season in his three-year career. Worthy is an incredible physical talent who seems unstoppable when he gets the ball in the low post. Worthy has not yet harnessed all of his talents, but when he does watch out! One thing in particular that Worthy must work on is his outside shooting, which although drastically improved since his rookle season is still a bit erratic. Lest we forget, Rambis will be challenged by 6-9 Maurice Lucas (13.4/8.8), acquired last summer from the Phoenix Suns for two future draft choices.

Former starter and All-Pro Jamaal Wilkes missed most of last season

with injury, but all the reports we've received indicate that Wilkes will be back at nearly one hundred percent for this season. The 6-7 Wilkes (8.3) had been relegated to the bench last year by the emergence of Worthy, but despite Jamaal reaching his 33rd birthday, we have no doubt that he can still contribute. Also seeing reserve duty at forward is 6-7 bruiser Larry Spriggs (6.7), himself a starter in place of Rambis several times a year ago. Like Kupchak, Spriggs gives L.A. some much needed muscle

to go along with their high-flying offense.

The Lakers have two outstanding players who fill the role of swingmen for coach Pat Riley. Which is to say that 6-7 Michael Cooper and 6-6 Mike McGee are capable of filling in at both forward and guard, giving the Lakers some valuable flexibility in their player rotation. The 6-7 Cooper (8.6) has been called by some the best sixth man in the NBA. Cooper can do it all, shoot, rebound and he's an outstanding passer who finished second on the team in assists a year ago. McGee is often the forgotten man on this Laker team, but he shouldn't be after averaging 10.2 ppg last season. Few people realize it, but McGee is a highlyprolific scorer who scored more points per minute played than any other Laker, including Abdul-Jabbar! Cooper and McGee are also two of the best defensive players in the league, a fact that often goes overlooked.

The Lakers may have the best starting backcourt in the entire league in Byron Scott and the incomparable Earvin "Magic" Johnson. Secondyear man Scott (16.0) emerged as one of the league's best off guards last season as he shot an excellent 54 percent from the field. Without question, the 6-5 Scott is one of the best long-range threats in the NBA and if he's on, the Lakers cannot be beaten. The Magic Man may be the best point guard ever to play this game, and at 6-9, he's certainly the biggest. Johnson (18.3) dished out nearly 1,000 assists last year, a careerhigh, on his way to what might have been his best all-around season. Absolutely no one runs the break better than the Magic Man. We don't think Magic is the best player in the NBA, but he's certainly one of the most exciting!

Also on the roster are three players who will not see significant playing time. They are 7-5 center Chuck Nevitt (1.1), 6-2 guard Ronnie Lester (2.8) and 6-11 center-forward Earl Jones, who missed most of last season, his first as a pro, with injury. The Lakers selected two players in this year's draft capable of making the team. First round pick 6-9 forward A.C. Green (Oregon State) will definitely make it, while 6-4 guard Dexter Shouse (South Alabama) has a decent chance at sticking.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: There's little doubt about it! The Los Angeles Lakers are the best team in the NBA, as they proved in last

year's Championship Series by knocking off Larry Bird and the Boston Celtics. With Jabbar in the middle, it seems certain the Lakers half-court offense will continue to get the job done. And with the Magic one leading the fast break, the Lakers possess one of the most dangerous weapons the NBA has ever seen. Rambis and Jabbar start it all off, and Magic makes it work with his ball-handling and passing. Then Coach Riley has what he calls his finishers, the guys who slam it home off the break. Included in that category are Worthy, Cooper, Scott, McGee and Wilkes, all of whom get plenty of points off the break. And don't forget about the newly-acquired Maurice Lucas! Look for LA to repeat as Western Conference champs and then go on to make it two in a row!

### **Phoenix Suns**

(36-46, 3rd in Pacific)

Phoenix head coach John MacLeod might have been the most frustrated man in the NBA a year ago. The Suns were expected to be one of the top teams in the league, yet they finished at 36-46, the team's worst record in nearly a decade. To understand why Phoenix did so poorly, one has to look no further than the team's post-season playoff press guide. Located on the cover of this magazine are two symbols, one is a band-aid, the other is a red cross! If you haven't yet figured it out, the Suns were absolutely decimated by injuries a year ago. Three of the team's top players missed nearly all of last season, while no fewer than three others were out for more than 20 games! Despite posting a losing record, their first since 1976, the Suns managed to earn a playoff spot, where they were quickly eliminated by the World Champion Los Angeles Lakers. Apparently everyone is healthy going Into this season, and if that's true, the sun will rise in Phoenix once again!

Perhaps the team's most devastating injury was suffered by All-Pro swingman Walter Davis, one of the league's best all-around players. The 6-6 Davis tore three ligaments in his left knee during a pre-season game with the Los Angeles Lakers. Unforturnately for Davis and the Suns, the damage to his knee was substantial. Courageously, Davis worked hard and was playing again by February, but he was never really himself and went back on the disabled list just before the playoffs. Overall, the Greyhound appeared in 23 games, averaging 15.0 ppg despite never gaining full mobility. When healthy, Davis has been one of the best performers in the NBA, as evidenced by a career scoring average of over 20

ppg.

It remains to be seen whether Davis will start at small forward or big guard, MacLeod will make that decision once the fate of 6-9 power forward Maurice Lucas is decided. Lucas (13.4/8.8), despite leading the team in rebounding, had an off year by his standards and it's no secret that he wants out of Phoenix. Big Mo is a former All-Pro who enters this season as a free agent, and he's rumored to be off to either Boston or the Lakers. The Suns, however, do retain the right to match whatever offer Lucas receives. We at GAMEPLAN do not expect Lucas to be in a Phoenix uniform this season. We believe he'll be traded to the Lakers for future draft considerations.

Even with Lucas gone, the Suns will have one of the better forwards around in 6-10 veteran Larry Nance (19.9/8.7), the team's leading scorer a year ago despite missing 21 games with a groin injury. Nance, the former NBA Slam Dunk Champion, is a fine all-around performer who is just starting to receive the credit he deserves. Nance has the flexibility to play either the big or small forward position, and like Davis he's sure

to start somewhere.

Another big man with valuable experience is 6-9 vet Alvan Adams (14.7), who appeared in all 82 games a year ago, the only Phoenix player to do so. With all the injuries suffered by Phoenix, Adams got the starting call some seventy times last season, ten games at center and sixty as a forward. Even if he doesn't start, Adams will see plenty of action this season.

Returning to start at center is big 7-1 James Edwards (14.9), a decent player in the pivot who enjoyed one of his more average seasons a year ago. Quick forward 6-6 Mike Sanders (10.2) missed nearly all of last year with a crippling knee injury. Sanders returned late in the season to appear in 21 games as he played the best basketball of his career. Much is expected of the former UCLA star going into this season. Big 6-10 bruiser Rick Robey missed all but four games with injury a year ago, but now that he's healthy, the Suns look to him to fill in at both center and power forward. Slated for the same kind of duty is 6-8 second-year pro Charles Jones (8.4), who experienced an up and down rookle season last year. Like several Suns, Jones came on strong at the end of last season and he's expected to get plenty of minutes this time around. Also lending a hand up front will be veterans 6-8 Charles Pittman (4.8) and 6-7 Alvin Scott (3.6), a couple of battle-tested players whose strengths are defense and rebounding.

The Suns tabbed one of the real gems in this year's college draft in 6-9 forward Eddie Pinckney from the National Champion Villanova Wildcats. Pinckney, a college center, has been projected as both a power and quick forward in the NBA. No matter where he plays, E.Z. Eddie is expected to contribute in a big way. Other rookie frontliners with a chance at making the team include 6-8 Granger Hall (Temple), 6-7 Leonard Mitchell (LSU) and 7-2 Nick Vanos (Santa Clara), the team's No.

2 draft pick this season.

If Walter Davis starts at the off guard spot it will mean a drastic decrease in playing time for either Kyle Macy or Jay Humphries. The 6-4 Macy (11.0) led the team in assists last season and once again provided the Suns with good outside shooting. Second-year man 6-3 Humphries (8.8) enjoyed a solid rookle campaign that saw him improve greatly as he gained experience. We expect Humphries to get the starting nod over Macy because of his outstanding defense. The Suns have two decent backcourt reserves in former UCLA standouts 6-4 Michael Holton (8.4) and 6-2 "Rocket" Rod Foster (8.8), the latter being the team's leading three-point shooter a year ago at 32.5 percent. Hoping to make the squad as a back-up guard is 6-5 Jerry Everett (Lamar), the team's No. 3 pick this season.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Last year was kind of a bummer for Coach John MacLeod and his Phoenix Suns, but prospects for this season look much brighter. The key to the Suns attack for nearly a decade has been Walter Davis, and now that he's healthy again, we expect the Suns to become winners this season. Coach MacLeod

possesses a team with outstanding overall depth, both up front and in the backcourt. The starting lineup is far from set, but that's only because the competition is so heated at several positions. By the end of this season, we expect MacLeod to go with a lineup of Edwards, Nance, rookie Pinckney, Humphries and All-Pro Davis. We look for the Suns to post ten to fifteen more victories than they did last season while earning a playoff bid in the process. All told, Phoenix should finish no worse than third in the Pacific Division, probably giving the Trail Blazers all they want for the runnerup spot behind the World Champion L.A. Lakers.

### **Portland Trail Blazers**

(42-40, 2nd in Pacific)

The Portland Trail Blazers were perhaps the biggest surprise team in the NBA last season. Unfortunately for their fans, Portland was surprising because of their poor performance. Overall, the Blazers won six fewer games than they did the year before. In fact, only a late-season

resurgence allowed them to forge a winning record.

Portland's lack of success can best be attributed to what may have been one of the worst trades ever made. Prior to the start of last season, the Portland front office decided that they needed prolific scoring from the outside. They coveted Denver Nugget forward Kiki Vandeweghe, widely recognized as one of the best offensive players in the league. So Portland acquired Vandeweghe in a blockbuster deal that sent center Wayne Cooper, forward Calvin Natt and point guard Fat Lever to Denver along with two future first round draft picks. The deal was heralded as the final step that would bring the Trail Blazers up to the level of the league's elite. However, it didn't work out that was as Vandeweghe looked out of place due to a lack of freedom in Coach Jack Ramsay's structured offense.

Ramsay, who stresses defense, was disgusted with Kiki's apparent disdain for anything but shooting the basketball. And while the Blazers were struggling, things were going just splendidly in Denver where the Nuggets, led by the trio of former Blazers, stormed to the front of the Midwest Division, It's about time the Portland front office took the blame for this mishap and just got on with building a winning team.

Coach Ramsay hopes to build his contender around 7-1 center Sam Bowle, who was impressive at times as a rookle a year ago. Bowle (10.0) was not a dominant scorer, but he easily led the team in rebounds and blocked shots, compiling 203 snuffs last season. Bowle also dished a healthy number of assists and pleased Ramsay by playing good defense. Bowle is a young man of enormous potential who can only improve on the offensive end of the court. Backing up big Sam will again be the duo of 6-10 Audie Norris (5.1) and 6-11 Tom Scheffler (1.3), an ade-

quate duo who'll never set the world on fire.

Former pivotman 6-10 Mychai Thompson (18.4) has easily made the adjustment to playing the power forward position now that Bowie's in the fold. Thompson, a steady veteran of seven NBA seasons, may be the best kept secret in the league. He doesn't get a great deal of credit, but the former University of Minnesota All-American is one of the top big men in the NBA. Joinging Thompson at forward is 6-8 Kiki Vandeweghe (22.4), whose scoring average was a little down last year despite shooting 53.4 percent from the field. Vandeweghe is a very "creative" player who needs a great deal of offensive freedom in order to play up to his potential. Vandeweghe just does not have that necessary freedom in Ramsay's highly complex offense. We really feel that Portland should either trade Kiki or mold their offense around him, because when he's free to run loose, he's extremely effective. If he stays in Portland, Vandeweghe will undoubtedly start at small forward where Ramsay needs his offensive capabilities.

The Trail Blazers have a very solid reserve at forward in 6-8 veteran Kenny Carr (10.4), who missed much of last year with injury. In fact, Carr's absence may have played a major role in the Blazers semi-collapse of a year ago. A healthy Kenny Carr would bring many a smile to the face of Jack Ramsay. Also in reserve at forward is the 6-7 duo of Jerome Kersey (6.1) and Bernard Thompson (3.3), both of whom were pleasant surprises as rookies last season. Kersey showed the ability to mix it up inside, while Thompson displayed the versatility to also fill in

at the big guard spot.

The Blazers may have the best sixth man in the league in 6-6 veteran Jim Paxson (17.9), a former starter for Portland at both small forward and big guard. Despite his non-regular status, Paxson played well over 2,000 minutes a year ago, shooting a solid 51.4 percent from the floor. Paxson is a former All-Pro who can truly do it all on the court, Look for Paxson to fill in at both guard and forward, playing as much or more than anyone in the starting lineup. Counting Paxson, the Blazers have four very good guards on the roster. The starter at Paxson's vacated off guard position will again be 6-7 Clyde Drexler, an immensely talented athlete who could become a superstar in the very near future. Drexler (17.2) is one of the best all-around players in the league. Last season, Clyde the Glide led the team in steals, finished second in assists, third in rebounds and blocked shots and a close fourth in scoring average. Those stats indicate just how valuable Drexler is to Portland and at age 23, he should only get better.

The starting point guard duties were split over the second half of last season between veteran Darnell Valentine and rookle Steve Colter. The 6-2 Valentine (11.6) had been a starter since coming to Portland three seasons ago, but his inconsistent outside shooting earned him a seat on the bench near the end of last year. Replacing Valentine was the impressive Colter (7.1), who failed to display the passing skills of Valentine, but provided far better outside shooting on the point. Colter shot a

sterling 35.1 percent from beyond the three point line, and he has to rate

as the favorite to start at point guard this season.

The Blazers had a decent draft this year that yielded four capable performers. Certain to make the squad is 6-3 guard Terry Porter (Wisconsin Stevens-Point), who is a potential sleeper. The others with a shot at making it are 6-9 forward-center George Montgomery (Illinois), 6-8 forward Ken Johnson (Michigan State) and 6-6 forward Perry Young (Virginia Tech). Also new to the team is 6-9 forward Ben Coleman, who was acquired from the Chicago Bulls for a draft pick. Coleman, a former standout at Maryland, sat out all of last year with injury.

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GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: It's time for Portland to put the nightmares of the Vandeweghe trade behind them. Last year's team fell way short of expectations, and most of it can be attributed to the big deal they made with Denver. We think it's time for Jack Ramsay to take a good look at his personnel and re-evaluate the situation. With players like Vandeweghe, Drexler and Colter in the lineup, the Trail Blazers natural flow on offense might be up tempo. Perhaps Ramsay should abandon his structured offense and let the boys improvise a bit. We expect the Blazers to finish either second or third, battling the improved Phoenix Suns for the runnerup spot to the world champion Los Angeles Lakers.

## Los Angeles Clippers

(31-51, 4th in Pacific)

After fifteen years of frustration marked by two moves to new cities, things haven't changed very much for this franchise that started as the Buffalo Braves. In all of that time, the Braves-Clippers have only reached the playoffs three times. Last year was no exception as the Clips "enjoyed" a frustrating first year in Los Angeles following their move from San Diego. Despite a blockbuster trade that was supposed to make them contenders, the Clippers turned out to be little more than pretenders on their way to a 31-51 record.

The Clippers go into this season with pretty much the same team, expect for a new big man chosen second overall in the draft, Benoit Benjamin of Creighton. Despite the arrival of Benjamin, one might be led to believe that Los Angeles will perform just as miserably as they did a year ago. We don't think this is necessarily true. The Clippers have a solid mix of good young talent and capable seasoned veterans. Things may not go quite as badly this time around, something that would come

as quite a relief to new head coach Don Chaney.

The Clipper front office hopes to build for the future around first round pick Benjamin, the 7-0 center from Creighton. Benjamin is an outstanding all-around player who possesses an uncanny ability to block shorts. He is somewhat unpolished, but with the exception of perhaps Patrick Ewing, no young center in the league has as much potential for greatness. Don't be too surprised, however, if Benjamin does not earn a starting spot right away. The Clippers may choose to bring the big youngster along slowly, something we feel would be a good move. Either way, Big Ben should see plenty of action this season. Los Angeles already has a pretty good center in 7-2 veteran James Donaldson, an 11.3 ppg scorer a year ago on 63.7 percent shooting. Donaldson also led the team in rebounding, snaring 668 boards. He's no Jabbar, but Donaldson is a fairly decent center and the Clips could do a heck of a lot worse in the middle.

When he's healthy, the starting power forward is 6-11 vet Bill Walton, who despite nagging injuries managed to knock home 10.1 ppg and pick off 600 rebounds in just 67 games played. Walton has done a fine job for the Clippers, while he's been in the lineup, Injuries may have prevented the Big Redhead from becoming the game's most dominant center ever, but despite a couple of bum legs, Walton is still a solid NBA player. He's a free agent going into this season and several NBA teams are interested, especially the Boston Celtics, but we expect Walton to re-sign

with Los Angeles.

Starting at small forward will again be 6-7 former Milwaukee Buck Marques Johnson (16.4), who's coming off what must be the worst season in his fine career. Johnson, a former All-Pro, was a major disappointment in L.A., especially considering they gave up Terry Cummings to get him. Johnson allegedly have a drug problem, which is now supposedly cured. If Johnson is healthy and in a proper state of mind, he should regain his form of a few years ago and the Clippers will improve

drastically.

The top reserve at forward is 6-9 second-year pro Michael Cage (7.1), an immensity talented young man who has all the tools to become a topnotch power forward. In time, we expect Cage to move into the starting
lineup, but like Benjamin, he's yet to reach his full potential. Seeing
plenty of time up front will also be 6-8 Rory White (4.7) and 6-10 Harvey
Catchings (2.9), neither of whom will exactly set the world on fire.
Neither White nor Catchings are particularly proficient scorers; their
strength lies in rebounding and playing good defense. Also in reserve
are 6-10 second year man Jay Murphy (1.2) and 6-10 free agent signee
Dale Wilkinson (1.4), who only became a Clipper during the final month
of last season. Rookie forwards with a chance at making the team include 6-8 Wayne Carlander (USC), 6-8 Anicet Lavodrama (Houston Baptist), 6-6 Malcolm Thomas (Missouri) and 6-9 Jim Deines (Arizona State).

The Clippers are fortunate enough to have one of the better backcourts in the NBA in the combo of Norm Nixon and Derek Smith. The 6-2 Nixon (17.2) is one of the best all-around point guards in the league as he dished out over 700 assists last year to go along with his solid scoring ability. Nixon does a fine job of running the half-court offense, while also generating an occasional fast break opportunity. Join-

Ing Nixon in the backcourt will again be 6-6 Derek Smith, one of the league's most underrated players. Smith averaged a career high 22.1 ppg last year, which also happened to be a team-leading figure. Smith may not be the best passer or ballhandler around, but he's one of the best rebounding guards in the league as evidenced by his finishing third on the team in "reebs". You read it right here — Derek Smith is one of the best kept secrets in the NBA today.

The top reserve at guard is 6-5 veteran Junior Bridgeman (13.9), one of the better long-range gunners in the league. Bridgeman is a versatile player who can also fill in at forward. Without question, Bridgeman could start for several NBA teams, but with Smith at the off guard, Junior will continue to come off the bench. The next guard off the bench will probably be 6-3 second-year man Lancaster Gordon (4.1), who was kind of a disappointment as a rookle a year ago. Gordon is an outstanding athlete who can really do it all, expect for one thing, he can't shoot the basketball. Gordon shot just 38.3 percent last year, one of the worst figures in the entire league, let alone on the team. If he can develop a consistent jump shot, Gordon will become a quality guard. Also in reserve are 6-5 Bryan Warrick (3.7) and 6-1 Franklin Edwards (5.7), the latter being a former member of the Philadelphia 76ers.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: They're not exactly a championship

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: They're not exactly a championship caliber team, but the Los Angeles Clippers are really not that bad. It was kinda hard to believe that this team could do so poorly last year with all that veteran talent. With solid veterans like Walton, Nixon and Johnson in the fold, the Clips have the makings of a pretty fair squad. More importantly, L.A. is building for the future and they've begun to stockpile some fine young talent. With Benjamin, Cage, Gordon and the emerging star Derek Smith on the roster, the Clippers have a good young nucleus that should provide their fans with plenty of thrills for years to come. Look for the Clippers to again finish fourth in the tough Pacific Division, but with a much better record this time around. The Clippers do have a legitimate shot at making the playoffs and breaking the .500 mark.

## **Seattle Supersonics**

(31-51, 5th in Pacific)

How the mighty have fallen! How many of you can remember the glory days in Seattle when the Sonics walked off with the franchise's first NBA championship? It doesn't seem that long ago that Seattle took the league by storm in 1979. Who can forget players like Gus Williams, Jack Sikma, Dennis "D.J." Johnson, John Johnson and, of course, Downtown Freddie Brown! What a team that was! But that's all in the past now, and it's back to the reality of 1985, where the Sonics are one of the worst teams in the league. Last year's team forged a pathetic 31-51 record, the fourth worst total in the entire league. Long-time head coach Lenny Wilkens has stepped down, but he remains with the organization as general manager. Replacing Wilkens is little-known Bernie Bickerstaff, who faces the stiff task of rebuilding a fading organization.

Even though the Sonics are shifting the emphasis to youth, their main man will still be 6-11 veteran Jack Sikma (18.5/10.6), the lone holdover from the team's glory years. Sikma suffered through an injury-plagued campaign a year ago, but he still managed to lead the team in rebounding and finish a close second in scoring average. When healthy, Sikma has been one of the most consistently spectacular performers in NBA history and we expect him to come back with a big year this season. Perhaps even more importantly, Sikma should prove to be very helpful to some of the younger players who are just learning their trade.

The Sonics have one of the better young power forwards in 6-10 Tom Chambers (21.5/7.1), the team's leading scorer last season. Chambers is a solid all-around player who can hurt you both inside and out, plus he's displayed an uncanny ability to draw fouls on other big men. Perhaps the only knocks against Chambers are his inconsistent defensive work and his often uncontrollable temper. One of these days, Chambers is gonna to pick a fight with the wrong guy (Malone?) and that'll be the end of that problem!

Returning to start at small forward is 6-8 veteran Danny Vranes (5.8), one of the best defensive players in the game. However, he's such an offensive liability that he may in fact hurt the team. Unless Vranes develops a jump shot, he just can't be considered a quality forward, especially considering some of the prolific scorers most teams have at his nosition.

The top reserve up front is 6-11 second-year pro Tim McCormick (9.3), who was a pleasant surprise to the Seattle front office as a rookle last season. McCormick rebounded well and shot a very solid 55.7 percent from the field. McCormick's natural position is power forward, but he's also capable of filling in at center if necessary. Also lending a hand up front is 6-10 bruiser Frank Brickowski (4.9), who did a steady job for Seattle in his first NBA season. Brickowski had spent the previous two years playing in Europe after a fine collegiate career at Penn State.

The Supersonics chose 6-7 forward Xavier McDaniel out of Wichita State in the first round of this summer's NBA draft. McDaniel, the fourth player chosen overall, may not have gotten the big publicity in college, but he's an outstanding young talent. Last season, McDaniel led the NCAA in both scoring and rebounding, marking the first time that's ever been done. By mid-season at the latest, we expect McDaniel to move into the starting lineup, probably replacing Vranes at small forward.

Also providing depth up front are 6-10 Joe Cooper (4.7), 6-6 Reggie King (2.8), 6-6 Cory Blackwell (3.4) and 6-7 John Schweitz (3.0). Cooper is a free agent signee who can fill in at both center and forward, while King is a former NBA starter with Kansas City whose career has been

plagued by injuries. Schweitz and Blackwell, last year's No. 1 pick, can

also fill in at big guard if necessary.

Seattle has a solid starting backcourt in the duo of 6-6 Al Wood (15.0) and 6-2 point man Gerald Henderson (13.4). Wood, a former collegiate star at North Carolina, has slowly developed into a solid player. In his first two seasons, spent with the Clippers, Wood took his lumps playing the quick forward position. But upon being traded to the Sonics two years ago, he was switched to the big guard position, where he has performed quite admirably. Last season was a strange year for Gerald Henderson, his first with Seattle. Henderson had spent the previous season as the starting point guard for the then World Champion Boston Celtics. Much to his surprise, Gerald was dealt to Seattle just prior to the start of last season. Henderson enjoyed a fine campaign, dishing out a team high 559 assists and providing solid outside shooting.

The top backcourt reserves are 6-3 veteran Ricky Sobers (9.9) and 6-2 youngster Jon Sundvold (5.5), both of whom saw extensive duty a year ago. Sobers is a former starter in the NBA with several teams, while Sundvold is a sharp-shooting third-year player who has yet to really find himself in the pro ranks, The Sonics No. 2 pick this year is 6-4 guard Rolando Lamb (Virginia Commonwealth), a solid offensive player who's real forte is defense. We expect Lamb to make the team and contribute

in a big way with his aggressive defense.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things have really gone sour for the Seattle Supersonics as evidenced by last year's fifth place finish. With the
exception of Skima and Sobers, this is a relatively young and inexperienced team. There are some talented players on the roster, but not
enough to be highly competitive in the rugged NBA. Some hope is there
for the future with players like McDaniel, Chambers and McCormick
leading the way, but for now Seattle will probably take it on the chin. We
look for the Sonics to finish no better than fourth in the Pacific Division,
with a fifth place ranking more likely.

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### **Golden State Warriors**

(22-60, 6th in Pacific)

There was a lot of speculation last season concerning the possibility that the Golden State Warriors were not an NBA caliber team. The collapse of this once proud franchise has been a gradual one. Under new head coach John Bach, the Golden State franchise may have hit rock bottom a year ago. The Warriors were not expected to be a good team, but the final nail in the coffin came when center Joe Barry Carroll, perhaps the team's best player, experienced contractual problems that caused him to holdout for the entire season. Carroll eventually signed on to play in Italy. Well, Joe Barry and the Warriors have finally come to terms and Carroll is expected to be in uniform by the start of the season, and that's finally a step in the right direction. So may be a mid-summer deal that sent two future second round draft choices to the Washington Bullets in exchange for veteran forward Greg Ballard. With Carroll and Ballard joining a fine rookie crop, the odds are long against the Warriors losing 60 games again this season.

Back to start in the middle after his one year hiatus in Europe is 7-0 center Joe Barry Carroll, who two years back was developing into one of the league's better young centers. For the '83-'84 campaign, Carroll led the team in rebounding, also finishing second in scoring average with 20.5 per contest. With Carroll back to start in the pivot, the Warriors work have to sattle for quite so many jump shots this season.

won't have to settle for quite so many jump shots this season. It's not yet known who'll start at power forward, although 6-9 bruiser Larry Smith (11.1) appears to be the leading candidate. Smith is an inconsistent performer whose play varies greatly from year to year. Smith was outstanding at times a year ago, snaring 869 boards, by far the most of any Warrior. The starting small forward is 6-7 veteran Purvis Short (28.0), one of the league's premier offensive threats. Short has never received the publicity he deserves, but he's undoubtedly one of the most underrated players in the NBA. Only Bernard King, Larry Bird and Michael Jordan averaged more points per game than Short, and that's some pretty heavy company to be in.

As for battle-tested reserves to call on up front, Coach Bach will miss the departed Mickey Johnson, who was traded to New Jersey for a future draft choice, but the 6-10 Jerome Whitehead (13.0) is back in the fold. Also, the aforementioned Greg Ballard (13.1) is expected to see plenty of action in a reserve role, with the possibility existing that he might start at small forward, with the versatile Short moving to the big

guard spot.

Hulking 6-11 Chuck Alexsinas (5.1) proved to be a pleasant surprise in his first year with Golden State, although his playing time may be cut sharply with Carroll back in the fold. Also looking to see duty up front are 6-9 Gary Plummer (3.8) and 6-7 Peter Thibeaux (4.5), both of whom looked good on occasion during their maiden seasons in the NBA. Challenging these two youngsters will be three rookies, all of whom have a good chance at making the team. Almost certain to make the grade is 6-9 forward Bobby Lee Hunt (Alabama), the team's No. 2 pick this season. Also in the hunt for roster spots are 6-11 Brad Wright (UCLA) and 6-10 Greg Cavener (Missouri).

Former 6-4 Georgetown star Eric "sleepy" Floyd (19.5) enjoyed the best season of his young career, finishing a solid second on the team in scoring. Floyd, who also led the Warriors in both assits and steals, has slowly developed into a very good NBA guard. Joining Floyd in the starting backcourt will probably be 6-4 defensive specialist Lester Conner (8.1), a steady guard who would not be a starter for most NBA teams. As stated before, the possibility exists that Short will switch to guard, and that means "pine time" for Lester The Molester. The top returning backcourt reserve is 6-5 shooter Terry Teagle (9.1), who did a fine job for

Golden State after being acquired late last season.

The Warriors have high hopes for 6-6 swingman Chris Mullin (St. John's), the team's first round draft pick and seventh player selected overall this season. Mullin comes to Golden State on the heels of an amazing collegiate career that saw him earn Big East Player-of-the-Year honors as well as National Player-of-the-Year laurels at one point in his career. This sweet-shooting southpaw has been referred to as a condensed shorter version of Larry Bird, and if that description is accurate, coach John Bach will be grinnin' from ear to ear come November. Two other newcomers, 6-1 Luster Goodwin (UTEP) and 6-3 Eric Boyd (North Carolina A&T), have a chance at sticking as backcourt reserves, but the odds against them making it appear to be long.

Golden State currently has three other guards on the roster, the most experienced being 6-2 veteran journeyman Mike Bratz (5.1). Former Virginia star 6-1 Othell Wilson (4.4) saw extensive duty last season filling in for Conner on the point, while fellow rookie 6-2 Steve Burtt (4.2) was a major disappointment, shooting just 38.3 percent from the field.

GAMEPLAN CONCLUSION: Things really haven't gone too well for the Golden State Warriors. It's been a long four years since the Warriors have posted a winning record and the prospect of them ending that dubious streak this season looks quite dim. There are some solid offensive players on this team, particularly Short who should finally start to get some credit if Golden State becomes respectable. The return of Joe Barry Carroll certainly won't hurt, while the potential backcourt tander of Floyd and Mullin looks appealing. Coach Bach can look forward to seeing his Warriors win a few more games this season, but a winning record and/or playoff bid seem out of the question. About the best Golden State can hope for is a fifth place finish, ahead of the falling Seattle Supersonics. But as we see it, the Warriors will be very fortunate to escape the Pacific Division basement.



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